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Whales save cruise ship from iceberg collision

By ANN HUGHEY
Correspondent

A Swedish cruise ship avoided a head-on collision with a gigantic iceberg after being rescued by a school of whales!

Crewmembers of the *Star Sale* say seven giant blue whales steered the ship away from certain disaster after a heavy fog bank rolled in across the Norwegian Sea and the ship's radar and sonar systems both went on the blink.

"They were like living tugboats," said the *Star Sale*'s grateful Captain Karl Ahlberg. "They used their huge muscle to push us out of harm's way.

"They knew we were in trouble. If they hadn't come along when they did we would have hit the iceberg head-on.

"They knew exactly what to do when they steered us out of harm's way. It was the most amazing thing I've ever seen."

The gentle giants of the deep can reach lengths of up to 100 feet and weigh up to 120 tons. "Seven blue whales could easily carry a ship the size of the *Star Sale*," said Gunnar Ohlson, a spokesman for the Swedish Oceanic Institute.

The 12,000-ton ocean liner was traveling through the Norwegian Sea when it had its near-miss. Navigators had been having trouble with the ship's sonar system all day and were relying on lookouts to spot trouble ahead.

All of a sudden one of the lookouts spotted the school of whales and relayed the information to the captain, who slowed the ship down.

"Usually, whales get out of a ship's way," said Capt. Ahlberg, "but this time they didn't budge. We had no choice but to slow down.

"They started nudging the bow of the ship and must have pushed us about two miles off course before they stopped.

"Then the radar and sonar started working again and that's when I realized we'd just had a near-miss with an iceberg that was about a half-mile long. We had no idea it was there."

The gigantic iceberg was one that had broken off from a glacier in the Arctic and drifted southward. It's unusual to find them in the Norwegian Sea because the warm currents from the Atlantic Ocean usually keep it ice free," said Capt. Ahlberg.

"Once we were out of danger the whales all leaped high into the air and dove back into the

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CRUISE ship *Star Sale* at its berth after near disaster.

PASSENGER aboard the *Star Sale* snapped this picture of one of the whales as it swam away with the tip of its tail.

Health club makes people smarter

Marvellous Vincenti runs a fitness center for the mind.

The Cambridge, Mass., businesswoman has set up a health center in a mall specializing in bowling up the brain cells.

"Mind-brain fitness is to the 90s what body fitness was in the 60s," says an ad for the unique fitness place, called the Center for Peak Performance.

Miss Vincenti's center offers mental improvement through use of a special sound and light show that helps clients reach a state of meditation. Using goggles that feed the brain changing images, mental fitness buffs can become more creative and learn faster, the businesswoman says.

He made his point

Michael Foggin nailed his hand to a door at the British House of Commons to protest the bad treatment he got at a local health authority.

LOVE-IN

Honeymooners hopped into bed in 1953 — and they're still there!

In the longest love-in on record, a honeymooning couple snuggled into bed on their wedding night 37 years ago — and have been there ever since!

By BEATRICE BEXTER

The lazy lovers, Helena and Dimitri Plytas of Serres, Greece, say they have their love nest only to use the bathroom.

The have been visited by a psychologist and two state health workers, but have never been convinced they should resume a normal life.

"Once we were in bed we realized there was nothing to get out for," said Helena, 58, since her marriage. "We want to be here close to each other and let the rest of the world go by."

Experts say the bedbound sweethearts may suffer from a rare phobia that caused them to reject the normal world because they fear it as a cruel, uncaring place.

They use their bed as a refuge or a substitute for the womb, scientists believe.

"This is not sane behavior. ... swear they like doing what they're doing — and their relatives seem perfectly content to support them.

The mattress sisters spend their time in bed reading, watching television and fashioning craft items for their children to sell at the city market. They say they're in excellent health and are rarely sick.

But psychologist Stephanos Lackaris worries that the Plytases are throwing away their lives because they cannot surmount their irrational fears.

"This is not sane behavior.

Bachelor learns his bride-to-be is really a man!

LOVE WAS IN THE AIR. John Papavieros (at back, five and sixths for Craig's drag act. Craig, in wig, called himself Carol.

'I found the girl of my dreams and HE drives a truck!'

By LAUREL SPRUCE
Special correspondent

Bashful bachelor John Papavieros placed a lonely hearts ad in his favorite newspaper and thought he'd found the love of his life — till he learned his busty blonde bride-to-be was a hairy-chested he-man in drag!

"I just can't believe I spent three months dating a man — a truck driver in a platinum blonde wig," the embarrassed accountant told a reporter.

"I was so crazy about the creep I actually planned to marry him. And all the time he was just dragging me along, playing me for all the fancy dinners and expensive presents he could squeeze out of me.

"At least now I know why he never let me get too affectionate. He always kept me at arm's length, and I thank God for that."

Good-natured John's tale of woe began when he advertised for "an attractive, fun-loving lady" in the personals column of a New York City newspaper.

The would-be Don Juan got dozens of replies, but it was a letter from rugged, 28-year-old trucker Craig Byrd that caught his eye.

"The guy sent along a picture of himself in drag and I thought he was one of the most gorgeous women I'd ever seen," said meek John, 29. "He said his name was Carol, and I couldn't wait for us to get together.

"We spoke a date and I fell head over heels the minute I saw him. I noticed he was bigger than I was and had a very husky voice for a woman, but even that turned me on.

"I never once suspected that he was all dolled up under those tight-fitting dresses."

Gaga John courted his bogus babe for three glorious months, squiring her to the city's classiest restaurants and buying her thousands of dollars worth of gifts.

"I had a little money saved up, and I would have given my Carol anything," said the heartsick suitor. "I even asked the lass to marry me, and he agreed.

"My friends and family kept telling me there was something wrong with that girl, that she wasn't what she seemed. I guess I was just too blind to notice."

But John learned the awful truth the day he took the make-believe lady for a helicopter ride — and wind from the chopper blades whipped the wig from Craig's head.

"The minute I saw him without that wig, I realized what an idiot I'd been," said the red-faced Romeo. "He was so humiliated he ran off and I just stood there with my mouth hanging open."

Now, the bamboozled bachelor is planning to sue Craig for more than half a million dollars.

"Everybody I care about already knows I made a fool of myself," he said.

"By telling my story, maybe I'll save somebody else the same kind of misery."

Motorbike, conspiring Craig admits his "romance" with John was a ruse to fleece him of his savings.

"I'm not gay and I never let the guy lay a hand on me," the tricky trucker insisted. "The thing started out as a lark. I just wanted to see if I could pull it off for one date.

"Then he started giving me all kinds of gifts and I decided to play him along for a while.

"Believe me, I never meant to

"I'M NOT GAY," says Craig Byrd. The lovelorn boy toyed out to be a studly man with a nose for money.

Search me!

To prove that he was searched illegally, a drug suspect handed his jacket to the judge in a courtroom — and the judge found a packet of cocaine in it.

"The judge began laughing so hard he had to take a five-minute break," said Assistant Oakland County, Mich., Prosecutor Brian Zahm).

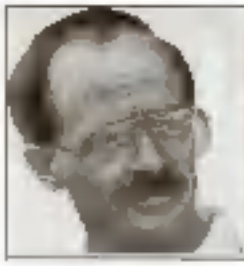
Bird lays eggs inside jeans pocket

Brad Spiby hung his blue jeans out to dry — and a bird laid eggs in one of the pockets.

A week passed by as the drying jeans and laid five eggs. Spiby of Shirebrook, England, said he'll leave the jeans on the line until the eggs hatch.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

At least three million birthday presents are purchased each day by American well-wishers, according to the book, *On an Average Day* (Fawcett Columbine, 1989).



Bill Grealis said he was being run out of town because of a vicious AIDS lie — but neighbors say it was a hoax to save his dying business!

Florist flim-flams a town

By MARTHA ATKINS
Staff writer

Florist Bill Grealis spread a rumor that he had AIDS and was being run out of town — to get sympathetic residents to save his dying business.

That's what friends and neighbors of the Campbells Creek, W. Va., man are saying since he was caught red-handed leaving a threatening phone message to himself through his answering service.

"He did it to get us back on his side," said one longtime resident who asked not to be identified. "He lost a lot of customers after he left his wife. I told him he'd lose his business if he didn't get back with her. Ninety percent of his customers are women and around here we stick together.

"We don't go for divorcing someone for no reason. And I hadn't heard any gossip about him being gay and having AIDS until now. I guess he figured the publicity would help his business."

Grealis attracted national attention when he told reporters he'd been the target of vicious rumors claiming he was gay and had AIDS. He claimed attackers:

- Threatened to kill him and blow up his flower shop.
- Slashed three tires on his delivery van and broke the windshield.
- Painted "queer," "AIDS" and "fag" on the side of the van.
- Put human waste in his mailbox.

The most recent incident occurred just hours after the pictures on this page were taken and a group of townspeople stopped to buy flowers and show their support to Grealis.

Grealis was believed cold bloody when he called police and reported that he had been ambushed in his shop. But authorities now say the whole thing was an elaborate hoax created by Grealis himself.

"It is now believed he did all these things to himself and the whole thing was a hoax," said Kanawha County Prosecutor Bill Forbes.

Investigators noticed Grealis making threatening phone calls to himself while they were conducting a sting operation to catch the people behind his smear campaign.

"When we confronted him with the evidence, he broke down and confessed to making the calls," said Forbes.

Authorities aren't sure if Grealis is behind all the vandalism or if he inflicted the wounds on himself. "The case is still under investigation," said Forbes. "So far no charges have been brought against him."

Grealis is currently undergoing psychiatric evaluation in an area hospital.

Residents of the tiny mining town of 320 are angered over what's happened.

"I don't appreciate what he did to our community," said the longtime resident. "He made us look bad to the whole country.

"He made us out to be ignorant hicks and we're not. The nicest people in the world live here. He'd better not try to come back here."

FLORIST Bill Grealis (with mustache facing camera) talks with sympathetic townspeople before the hoax was discovered. Cops believe he was trying to save his dying business.

Nurse swallows ring to keep it from mugger

A nurse attacked by a mugger was so determined to keep her engagement ring that she slipped it off her finger — and swallowed it!

Police in Milton Keynes, England, said the unidentified young nurse was forced to hand over two gold rings and a watch. But when the desperado demanded her engagement ring, she gobbled it down.

"We would not recommend that people swallow their jewelry," said Detective Sgt. Roger Tarlet. "It could make their stomach very violent.

"In this case, he was just very surprised."

Inventor's amazing car runs like a top — on AIR!

Inventor Jack Simpson has logged over 500,000 miles in his modified Datsun station wagon and hasn't stopped for gas yet. That's because his incredible 30-year-old econobox runs on air alone!

"She's cheap to drive, that's for sure," said Simpson, 65. "I rigged her to run on air during the gas crisis back in the 70s and she hasn't let me down yet.

"I still have to buy tires and oil. Other than that, she doesn't cost me a cent."

The retired inventor who lives in San Jose, Costa Rica, refuses to say how he modified the old car to run on air instead of gas but hinted that a pair of special "air carburetors" did the trick.

The wagon's engine appears to be stock with the exception of a pair of thin brass boxes and two jar-like containers positioned where the factory-installed carburetor used to sit.

The motor's mechanisms are so clean you can actually breathe the exhaust without getting sick. "I've tried to sell my idea in Detroit but they don't want to hear about it," said Simpson. "Of course, everybody knows the big auto companies are in bed with the big oil companies. If everybody modified their cars like mine all those boys would be out of work."

A test drive of the 1970 Datsun 510 indicated that the inventor is right. The car's engine is incredibly quiet at high speeds and when it's hitting you can hardly hear it.

The car also has plenty of pep, going from 0 to 60 m.p.h. in 13 seconds flat. "It's a sweet little machine if I do say so myself," said Simpson.

"I've turned the odometer over five times without a major repair.

"The engine runs much cooler than those gas-fired jobs so there's a lot less wear and tear on internal parts."

Friends have begged Simpson to alter their cars to run on air but he refuses to do it because he's afraid the secret of his air carburetors will get out. "Any mechanic could build them once he took a look at mine," said Simpson.

Maria Gonzalez

Salvidor Gonzalez

Roberto Gonzalez

VIDEO GAME SAVES 3 CHILDREN FROM FIRE!

By MICKEY McGUIRE
Special correspondent

Three sleeping children were able to flee their blazing home unharmed after they were jolted awake by a Nintendo video game — that mysteriously switched on!

A fire department investigator said the three children of Antonio and Carmen Gonzalez would have been roasted alive in their beds if they hadn't been roused from their sleep by the Nintendo game they were playing earlier that night.

Short circuit turns on Nintendo set — & wakes up sleeping kids

"The children said they were awakened by the noise of the game," Fire Inspector Alfredo Pinto said. "So there is no doubt in our minds that the game saved their lives.

"But we are totally baffled as to how the game could have switched itself on by itself. The parents swear they turned it off when they put the children to bed.

"And they said all three of the children were sound asleep when they looked in on them earlier that night. The only possible answer is that a freak power surge triggered the remote sensor that turned the TV set and the game on.

"Either that, or God Himself reached His hand down from heaven and switched the game on. We have no other explanation."

The children's mother, overcome by smoke inhalation, was carried from the roaring inferno by her husband.

The heroic 40-year-old father was about to make a desperate dash back into the house to rescue the children when he saw them scamper out a first-floor window.

"I know the game and the TV set were turned off when the children went to bed because I turned them off myself," Antonio declared.

"But the children said they were jolted from their sleep by the noise of the game."

Antonio, who manages an American-owned travel agency in Sao Paulo, Brazil, said the children received the video game a week before the fire from an aunt living in Texas.

The children, Maria, 7, Roberto, 8, and Salvidor, 10, were uninjured, but were hospitalized overnight for observation.

FOR MEN ONLY:
Here's why your wife got fat!

Happily married women gain an average of 18.4 pounds during the first 13 years of marriage — while unhappy wives pack on 42.6 pounds during the same period, says New York City marriage therapist Richard Stuart.

Man's severed feet found in shark's stomach — *still wearing sneakers*

Fishermen were stunned when they sliced open the stomach of a 18-foot tiger shark and found two human feet — still wearing sneakers.

The feet are believed to be what's left of Thomas Caron, a Jacksonville, Fla., cop who disappeared April 27 while on a fishing trip in the Atlantic Ocean.

"I hope to God he was already dead when the shark got him," said a spokesman in the Jacksonville Police Department. Caron's family said

By JACK ALEXANDER

he was wearing a pair of sneakers like those found on the feet, according to Dr. Margarita Arroza of the Duval County medical examiner's office.

"We have tentatively identified the feet as those of [illegible] we haven't made a positive ID," said Dr. Arroza.

Cops, Robert Duncan and Robert Jones were towed into the ocean when their small boat capsized and sank 10 miles off the Florida coast.

Jones' body was later recovered off the Georgia coast. An autopsy showed he had drowned. Caron's fate was unknown until the crew of the commercial fishing boat *Patricia Ann* gutted the captured

REVEALED: Feet found in tiger shark's belly may have belonged to missing cop

This fish

This little girl's only 8 years old — and she's already . . .

TWICE A HERO!

By DICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

Freckle-faced exile Erin Puskie has proved she's no slouch when it comes to bravery and brains, having been hailed as honest-to-goodness hero — not once, but twice!

In 1988, when she was just 6 years old, the quick-thinking youngster dashed into the kitchen, climbed into a chair and called the fire department while her dad fought a losing battle with a blaze engulfing the rear of their house.

Realizing he was losing his battle and could soon lose the house, her dad Allan ran into the kitchen to call for help.

"I already did that, Dad," Erin proudly told him. Minutes later, fire fighters arrived and soon had the fire extinguished.

She was hailed a hero for her quick thinking and lightning swift reaction in a crisis by the fire department in Cole Harbor, Nova Scotia, and presented with her own personal fire extinguisher.

And just a few weeks ago, the gutsy Canadian youngster showed she still has what it takes to be a hero when she single-handedly snatched her 2-year-old cousin from the jaws of death after he toppled into a deep dare pond.

Instead of panicking or trying to run for help, Erin quickly reached into the water and hauled drowning Blake Lawlor to safety before he sank from sight.

"If I had run for help, Blake would have drowned before anyone got to him," Erin told The NEWS. "I had to do something real fast, so I reached down and grabbed him and pulled him out of the water.

"But I wasn't being brave," she explained modestly. "I was being strong."

Brave, brave or wrong, it didn't matter to Blake's mom Lenore. As far as she's concerned, Erin's the pint-sized hero who saved her little boy's life.

KID COURAGEOUS! Erin Puskie saved her family's home from burning down when she was 6, and rescued a 2-year-old boy from a watery grave two years later.

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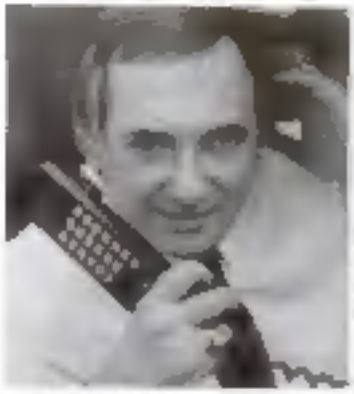

HELLO! Phil Toomey dialed his car and talked to a car thief.

By JACK ALEXANDER

Teary-eyed Phil Toomey dialed the number of his car phone to beg the crook who swiped the Mercedes to bring it back — and the thief agreed to return the $40,000 set of wheels!

Businessman Phil reached for the phone when he discovered his pride and joy was missing outside his office in Doncaster, England.

The thief answered and the two men chatted up the joyrider cruised around town. "I told him the car was low on gasoline and he asked if I used unleaded gas," said Phil, 37. "He said he had a few dollars and would fill it up."

Anxious Phil asked the thief to bring his car back undamaged right away, but got turned down.

"He said he couldn't do that just yet because he was taking his family out for the day," said Phil. "He said he had promised them and couldn't very well go back on his promise." The thief promised to phone Phil when he was finished driving around — and he was as good as his word.

"He called to say I had great taste in music and he would leave my selection of tapes untouched," said Phil.

"He finally called back to say it had been a lovely smooth drive and that the car was parked near a garage in Hull."

The crook said he would leave the car keys under the mat "because he didn't want anyone to steal the car."

Phil later found the car just where the thief said it would be. And he had filled up the gasoline tank and had the car washed and waxed.

. . . and the crook did!

Warning to guys who sunbathe nude

Cover up, fellows, sunshine can give you genital skin cancer, a new study shows.

Men who sunbathe in the nude risk developing a rare and fatal cancer of the penis, according to an article in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

It turns out the penis is highly sensitive to the cancer-causing effects of the sun.

— JAKE OSTROWSKY

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PASSENGER TRAIN VANISHES IN TUNNEL

Cars, crew & 600 people disappear without a trace!

43-CAR passenger train mysteriously vanished in 11½-mile-long tunnel.

By ANN HUGHEY
Special correspondent

A passenger train carrying over 600 passengers and crew members entered an 11½-mile-long tunnel — and never came out!

So far, Italian officials have found no explanation for what happened to the 43-car train that disappeared without a trace just south of Bologna.

"It vanished into thin air," said Mario Franchini, the head of the Italian rail authority. "We know it went into the tunnel but it never came out.

"It's just like those ships that disappear in the Bermuda Triangle. There doesn't seem to be an explanation for what happened."

The passenger train was on the last leg of a journey that originated in central Italy and was headed for Bologna when it disappeared.

Authorities know it stopped to pick up and let off passengers a few miles south of the tunnel because the stationmaster radioed ahead to the depot so the other side of the tunnel to say the train was on its way.

One passenger who got off the train at the last stop before it vanished recalled that weird things were happening.

"Everything was fine until about an hour before the last stop," said Gerardo Mercuri. "Then the lights started flickering, the water in the bathrooms wouldn't work and our radio went on the blink.

"I had this really eerie feeling. It was nothing I could put my finger on but something was giving me the creeps so I decided to get off the way to Bologna and now I'm sure glad I didn't."

The last person to see the train before it vanished was retired farmer Umberto Bocchi, who sits and watches them go by every day.

"I saw the train enter the tunnel," he said. "I really didn't notice anything out of the ordinary except the rumbling ended a lot sooner than it should have.

"Trains make a whole lot of noise when they're in that tunnel. I usually hear them for four or five minutes after the last car goes in but this time I didn't.

"The rumbling lasted for only about two minutes. I didn't think much about it at the time but when I heard a train had disappeared I contacted the railroad authorities. I realized the train must have disappeared at the exact moment when I couldn't hear it anymore. It must have been in the middle of the tunnel."

Officials are still investigating the disappearance but admit they're stumped.

"Who knows what happened to it," said Franchini. "Maybe it traveled into another dimension while it was going through the tunnel. We just don't know. Nothing like this has ever happened before. How do you lose a train that's over two miles long? It

Tax man puts squeeze on sex-for-hire kittens

TWINS Lynnette Harris, right, and Leigh Ann Conley.

Former *Playboy* model Lynnette Harris has been convicted of evading taxes on money she got from a millionaire in exchange for sex — and identical twin Leigh Ann Conley will be on the hot seat next.

Miss Harris, who appeared nude in two movies and a 1983 edition of *Playboy* with her twin sister, received more than $600,000 from Milwaukee businessman David Kritzik from 1984 to 1987.

"She got the money in exchange for companionship and sex," said U.S. Attorney Mel Johnson.

The sisters met Kritzik, who died last year at 39, in December 1980. In their case against Miss Harris, prosecutors contended the two got more than $1 million in cash and goods from Kritzik for spending all-fantasy nights with him.

Miss Harris' attorney claimed the money she received wasn't income — that Kritzik gave it to her out of affection.

The government began investigating the *Playboy* twin after receiving an anonymous tip. Miss Harris, 28, was found guilty of two felony counts of tax evasion and two misdemeanor counts of failing to file income tax returns. She is awaiting sentencing and faces up to 13 years in prison and $627,000 in fines. Leigh Ann Conley, Miss Harris' identical twin, will soon stand trial on similar charges involving $307,000 that she allegedly received from Kritzik.

'Global warming' HOT AIR

. . . says NASA study

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Two million watch bloody reunion!

Son shoots long-lost dad on TV show

By LAUREL BOWIE

A TV talk-show host grinned with delight as he reunited soccer star Otto Saly with the father he hadn't seen in 22 years — then watched in horror as enraged Otto shot his dad dead on live television!

"The guy didn't say a thing — he just took out a pistol and blew his father away in front of two million viewers," said flabbergasted TV host Hans Dasch. "We had planned this as a joyous on-air reunion between a famous soccer player and his long-lost dad. We didn't realize Otto was so crazed with hatred for the man he couldn't wait to see him dead.

He said he'd dreamed of killing him ever since he walked out on the family when Otto was a boy.

The bizarre story began when the scheming soccer ace strolled into Dasch's Vienna, Austria, office and asked the talk-show star to help him track down his missing pop Peter.

"One of the regular features on our show is where we locate long-lost friends or relatives and stage a live reunion. So when Otto explained ... it's always a lot of huge and warm

SOCCER STAR Otto Saly, left, gunned down his father Peter Saly, right

They hadn't seen each other in 22 years

... crashed into the taxi and drew a pistol and killed his father with a single shot through the heart.

As Dasch and his bodyguards stunned ... Otto Saly, 29-year-old ... calmly dropped the ... father unceremoniously ... a couch and walked ...

... appeared before the ... Saly pleaded ... of his drunk agent ... and claimed ... self-defense. ... guilty to ... of both ... charges.

"That man abandoned me and my family and left us in poverty. I never forgave him. I wish I was 7 ... with mom ... when I was 7 ... wanted all those years for him to ... I have it."

Ready . . . wet . . . go!

Motorists didn't have to hit the brakes or slow down to 5 m.p.h. for the speed bump when this photo was taken — they just floated on by. The warning sign was in a flooded picnic area on Lake Erie's near Euclid, Ohio.

Workplace chatter can make you sick

... Dylan Jones. Background talk is "noise pollution" and the most annoying and disruptive of all sounds in an office, said Jones.

– JILL PINSON

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Stylish trash-talk Rodney Lowery wore a silk pantsuit purse ... she stole it ... shoplifting trial in West Palm Beach, Fla. Lowery was promptly arrested for theft, police report.

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Ted Danson, Catherine Bach, Meg Ryan and others recall . . .

STARS' DATES FROM HELL!

CURVY Catherine Bach turned a date by stating her bra, something she doesn't have to do in years

ALICE Cooper's meeting was even kinda Blair Witch.

Even celebs have dates from hell — hey, we'll bet a bunch of them have BEEN dates from hell themselves! Whatever — listen in as some of the rich and famous recall their romantic catastrophes.

Cheers star **Ted Danson** went to a school that had a Moose Pool. "Each of the 60 boys at school would put in 50 cents. If you had the ugliest date, by mutual consent, you would receive the Moose Pool. This was 1964, 1965, so $30 was a sizable amount of money," says Ted.

Teddy boy's date turned out to be a student lacrosse player, a sure winner of the pool, he thought. "I felt kind of bad because I knew I should have been nicer to my date. She smiled and chirped, 'Oh, that's OK because I won the Moose Pool!' I couldn't believe it! The girls had a Moose Pool going, too, and she had won!"

Dukes of Hazzard beauty Catherine Bach credited her sky-high libido to [illegible] when she was 11 and "more than a little bit crazy. Her date was spooked when the pre-teen temptress came bouncing out of the water with the working foot banging out of her butt." "Now I have a lot of sympathy for all those guys walking around with socks on their shorts, that's ALL I have to say."

TED Danson accepts how a homely date turned the tables on him.

MEG Ryan never says her dreary date upside other ho understanding blondie.

Mr. Ima Linda Blair to see herself in *The Exorcist*. "I just thought it would be a funny idea — it was kind of Dracula or Rock 'n' Roll takes out the Possessed," says Alice.

What seemed like a funny idea turned out badly. "All, all, ALL Linda

talked about with pop star Rick Springfield. She was just in love with him or infatuated with him." So what happened? "After the movie, nothing happened. We didn't have much in common other than trouble with our hands. But that's O.K. I forgive her teenage crush. Then again, maybe she thinks I was her worst."

Meg Ryan starred in *When Harry Met Sally* . . . but when she dated Ryan she thought his name was Bob. At the end of a perfect college date with a dreamboat, Meg forgot the guy's name and called him Bob! "His face just lost its elasticity. It looked like it just dropped to his knees."

"As he walks into the elevator, I remember that his name is Brian. I just felt so awful. I never saw him again. He was the ultimate, too."

Hall of Famer Johnny Bench went

COSBY speaks from experience.

Child-raising secrets from Bill Cosby

Bill Cosby's got the kids on TV and in real life, so he probably knows what's what when it comes to raising children.

Here's Cos' 10 commandments on child rearing:

- Be loving, caring and generous in person.
- Be involved in play and activities.
- Be a teacher.
- Be patient, especially with young children.
- Be a fair but consistent disciplinarian.
- Teach responsibility; delegate chores.
- Avoid spanking; restrict privileges instead.
- Recognize their rights and opinions.
- Attend events together.
- Get to know each of your children. — *Redbook* magazine.

TV TALENT

Miami native Leigh Lombardi has appeared on MacGyver, Matlock and a host of other TV shows. So you know those long hours helped to pay off. — Variety

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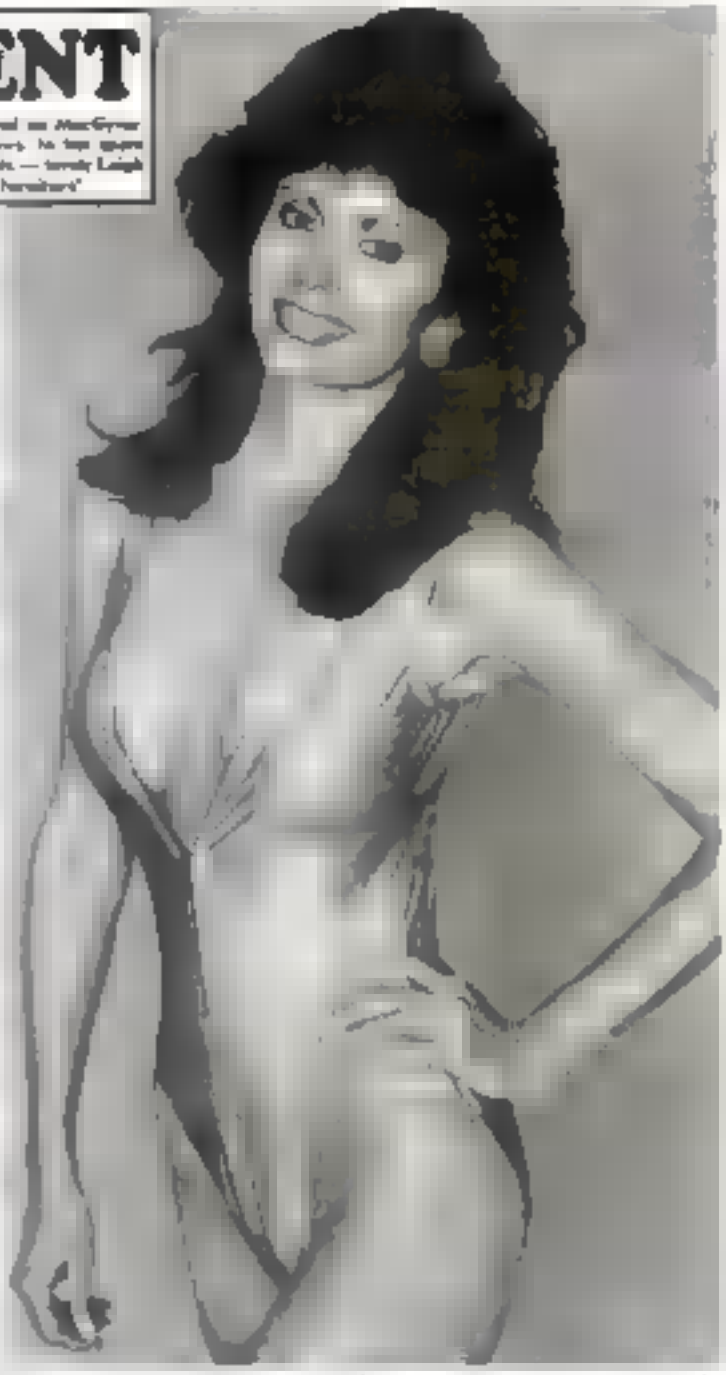

her once with a flight attendant whose apartment was possessed by spirits.

"She didn't seem to be totally sold," recalls Johnny. "But, you know, I gave her space." But when the flighty stewardess got a message from a jealous spirit, Bench left her.

"I went back to the hotel but I never went back to her apartment. I figured why chance it? I'm sure there are other women out there with their own personal spirits who might just take me." — *Dyer's Digest* magazine.

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Monty Python funnyman John Cleese can make a joke out of his own divorce. The silly walking guy split from his second wife in January after 9 years. He said their 14-month trial separation had gone so well that they decided to make it permanent. Quipped Cleese, a publicity agent. — *London Sun*.

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Daily Express diarist Patrick Newman is on the wagon. While shooting *Neat of Kin* in Chicago Steele got a little crazy on some cocktails called "Tunnel of Love," a mix of vodka, peach schnapps and cranberry juice. "I was jealous of anyone who looked like a lush. That's the reason I quit drinking," says Pat. — *Columbia Daily Missouri*.

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Betty White is huge about hamsters. She wants to get a rabbit now that TV life when "Golden Girls" begins its sixth season this fall. White all four cats are animal lovers. Betty says, some of the girls don't think it would be fair to the animal to have it working on the show. I don't agree.

White has been an activist for various animal welfare organizations for years. So she knows exactly what she needs. "A rabbit with the kind of wardrobe it would be a perfect pet for my character, don't you think?" — *TV Guide*.

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Jack Nicholson may look like a slob in most of his movie roles, but off-screen he's a real sharpie with the chubby wife mum — still shorts and workwear. Hollywood's highest star has 200 pairs of his wardrobe stored. — *Daily Mirror*.

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Pat Auger of radio hit *Dig* recently met Charlie a "wonderful president." The little monkey visited the headquarters of Beverly Hillers and charmed relations with his three adult pals. Would big Pat change a thing?

"Absolutely not," he says. "If I hadn't had these problems, I might not have a wonderful new baby to my life. I've also learned that the greatness my older kids understood at last she won't work with Charlie. I treat him with kid gloves."

As long as they're not boxing gloves. — *New York Daily News*.

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Critics are jumping all over Madonna for lip-syncing on her Blond Ambition tour. "Seemingly oblivious to past criticisms of her inept acting abilities, Madonna spent virtually her entire performance acting like she was singing," wrote one angry reviewer. "As befits a blonde who isn't, she wasn't."

Ouch. Some are even calling the whole thing a lip-sync fraud. — *San Diego Union*.

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Former ball-player Richard Harris has been a stranger to drunkenness for eight years, but says he'll drink himself to death. "I was advised by doctors that if I didn't stop drinking I would die," he says.

But wait, the story continues: "Of course I miss it. Any man who says he doesn't is a liar." What's the hard-living Harris gonna do for the rest of his life? "When I can't work anymore it will be vodka and tonics again and I will drink myself to death." — *London Express*.

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Rocker Billy Idol says the media misfired it when they reported rumors about his religious conversion. Billy the Kidder denies he found God after a recent motorcycle wreck.

"Everybody got it wrong. I said I was into porn again — not born again," Idol said. — *Punch* magazine.

Critics blast lip-sync Madonna

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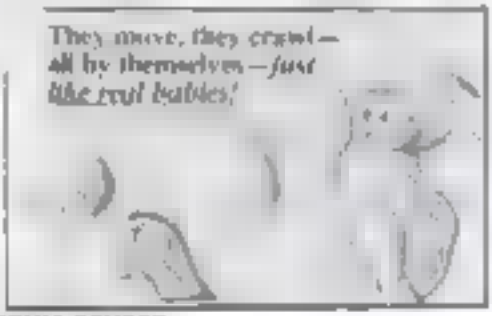

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By LAUREL BROWN
(Correspondent)

Adorable Angie Emiliano is a bouncing, bright-eyed baby girl who seems perfectly normal in every way but one — the amazing babe was born with a mechanical heart!

Dumbfounded doctors discovered the artificial heart beating away in Angie's tiny chest just minutes after she came into the world last March.

And specialists interviewed so many the little girl say there is simply no scientific explanation for the bizarre turn of events.

"We're stumped — absolutely, totally stumped," baffled Dr. Benito DeMilia told reporters in Rome, Italy.

"To have a baby born with such a sophisticated mechanical heart in place of a flesh-and-blood heart defies all reason. That procedure runs counter to all the laws of medical science. We're so bewildered we're even prepared to consider the possibility of supernatural influences here."

Incredible Angie's frantic parents go even further.

They are convinced that their first-born baby is proof positive of life after death. "She has to be the reincarnation of someone who received an artificial heart in a past life," insists her loving dad Antonio.

ANGIE EMILIANO

"What other explanation is there? This is not something that happens in a single break of nature.

"I think now we can say for certain that people live and die and are reborn."

But Dr. DeMilia says the anatomy is more complicated than that.

"The heart is much more sophisticated and advanced than anything I've ever seen," said the specialist.

"I just can't imagine where it could have come from. It seems to be functioning properly but to call it any natural heart, and that is hard to believe."

The child's heart is working as well, in fact, that specialists docs have given her a clean bill of health. "She's eating

'It defies all the laws of medical science,' says doc

she's growing and the little beside is right as a button," says her proud mom Maria.

"Of course, we wish she was perfectly normal like other babies, because we worry about whether her heart will eventually wear out.

"But we know our little Angie is something special and we plan to treat her like she's special."

Ohio woman dies in bizarre beach ritual

A member of a bizarre cult was buried 12 inches deep on a sandy beach in a soul-cleansing ritual — and suffocated.

Justine Scarlet, 43, was one of four members of the Center for Human Development who had been buried in the sand in Topsail Beach, N.C.

Plastic bags had been placed over their heads and each had a snorkel-type tube to breathe through. About 8 to 12 inches of sand covered their faces.

"It's supposed to cleanse the person's soul," said Police Chief Rickey Smith.

Mrs Scarlet, who lives near Cleveland, Ohio, apparently became sick during the 10 to 15 minutes she was buried under the sand and vomited in the plastic bag.

"The vomit blocked her air supply and she suffocated," said Chief Smith. She was one of 14 members of the cult from South Euclid, Ohio, staying at a rented beach house in Topsail Beach.

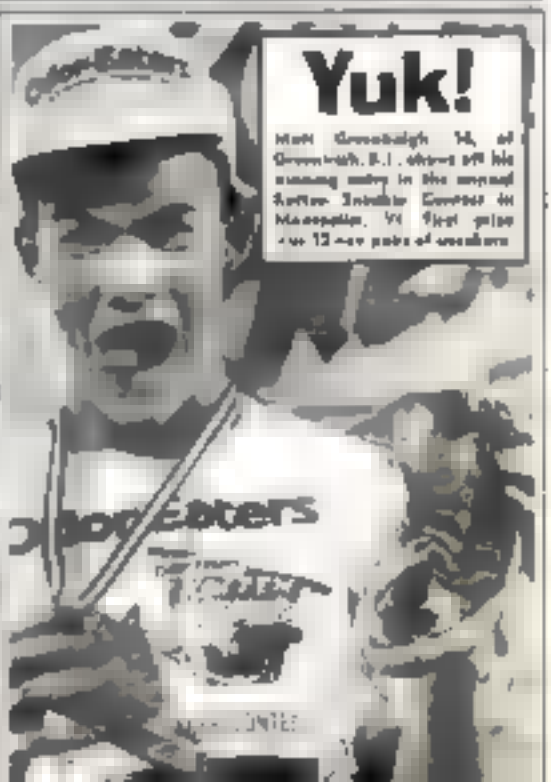
"They didn't know Mrs Scarlet was in trouble until they dug her out of the sand and found that she was unconscious." Someone was supposed to be monitoring her air passage during the ceremony according to Chief Smith.

Relatives said Mrs Scarlet joined the cult about two years ago. Shortly before divorcing her husband, she asked relatives to cut all relations with her. They also said her $100,000 home and religious books were left behind from her move.

Chief Smith said cult members have visited the city before. "They have done things like walking on fire, but we didn't know about the burying in the sand," he said.

—JACK ALEXANDER

Cult member was buried alive in the sand



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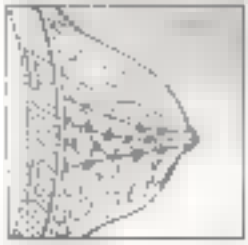

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And I hope I'm speaking for every red-blooded American when my ballot and shout to get a little sunny back for a rainy day when I say we ought to hire brainy hunters to track private planes diamonds on their dash-board somewhere down like the scumbag crooks they are.

We should lock every one of them in public stocks like the Founding Fathers used to do to rebellious thieves.

These creeps should be put on display in every town in the U.S.A. in separate cartons of the S & L stash could throw rotten tomatoes at 'em.

We could put 'em on eight and put 'em on display in the day by day.

But what I want to know is where the hell is the $300 bil-lion bucks? Let's face it.

They could ship boy at many yachts golf clubs, country club memberships, mansions most rock roots sports cars private planes diamonds on

MY AMERICA

By ED ANGER

their wives and girlfriends and Caribbean cruises cruises.

Give me 10 minutes with those fast-talking little weasels and I'll find out where the rest of the cash is, by gum. And if I had to make 'em squeal a little bit to do it all the better.

When the late great Ben Franklin said, "A penny saved is a penny earned," he wasn't getting his daddy in cahoots with them crooked savings and loans or and you shouldn't either!

Do you agree with Ed?

Ed is ticked off about the $300 billion swindle by fat-cat bankers and would like to know what you think. Send your response to Ed Anger, Lonely Poll, c/o Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

☐ Yes, I agree with Ed.

☐ No, I don't agree.

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I'm not a baby — I'm just a little girl without hair

By CINDY O'NEIL

"Jesus is going to give me wings!" says sick little Katie Scaggs.

At only 2½ years old Katie is struggling to survive a rare cancer called neuroblastoma. She underwent surgery in February to remove a five-pound stomach tumor and her adrenal gland. Cards and letters from wishing little angel.

Katie is currently receiving chemotherapy at Children's Hospital. The treatment has caused the sweet Toddler Queen of Lantana to lose her long blonde hair.

When we prepared this article, Katie and her mom had not yet met Katie Scaggs. Katie's grandma. They think she's a brave person who doesn't have any fear.

"I'm not a baby," Katie says back to the kids. "I'm a little girl. Don't you see my earrings?"

Katie walks on her mother's shoulders "over America." She says she's excited to see Katie. She's not sure if she would like to meet her.

Letters for SICK KIDS

Know a sick child who'd like some cards? Write to Sick Kids, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462. Include a phone number where you can be reached.

make her very happy. NEWS readers sent her cards and letters.

Cathy NEWS readers can write to Katie Scaggs, 104 Devon Rd. Lapalco, La. 70001.

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By MICKEY McGUIRE
Special correspondent

Teenage bride Maria Garcia was left standing at the altar in 1864 — but still waits in her gown at the church door after 36 heartbreaking years!

Through winter cold, spring rains and the breathless heat of three dozen summers, the once-youthful Maria has kept her lonely vigil at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on the outskirts of Madrid, Spain.

Tragic Maria arrives at the church every morning precisely at 8 o'clock and sits alone on the stone steps until 6 p.m. waiting for her beloved groom.

Though now 55, and with the radiant bloom of youth long faded, she is always dressed in a crisp ivory white bridal gown almost identical to the one she wore on that sad day in June 1864 when her dream world collapsed like a house of cards.

"Someday my Julio will come back to me here at the church and I must be ready for him in my wedding gown," she explained. "Then we will rush to the altar and the priest will make us husband and wife.

"But I must always look young and beautiful for Julio. He is so handsome and dashing. He could have chosen any woman to be his wife. But he chose me. I don't know what has delayed him, but I know he will return for me. He hasn't abandoned me."

Not once in 36 years has Maria failed to take up her vigil. The funerals for her mother and father were held at night because she refused to leave the church even for a couple of hours.

"What if Julio came to the church and I wasn't there to greet him?" Maria asked resolutely. "He would think I no longer cared for him and would go away and never return." Church priest Diego Gomez said every effort has been made to convince Maria that her waiting is in vain. But she has refused to heed all pleas that she give it up and return to a normal life.

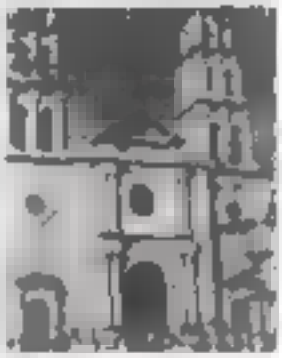
"We know that Julio ran off with a young prostitute and that he was killed three years later in a knife fight in a bar in Barcelona," Father Gomez said. "But we haven't had the heart to tell Maria the truth.

"In her mind she is still a teenage girl full of romantic

TRAGIC Maria Garcia

Bride waits at church for groom — for 36 years!

'I know he will return for me,' says spinster



CHURCH is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

dreams. Soon, we will have to put her in a home for the mentally unbalanced where she can get the love that Julio so cruelly denied her."

Unknown to Maria, a group of sympathetic church women have laundered, mended and repaired the bridal gown that she has found hanging by her bed every morning.

"The original gown became rotted and torn after two

monsoon of emotional anger," the kindly priest explained. "So the women made new gowns almost identical to the original and they have kept them looking as good as new all these years."

Maria can still be seen sitting on the church steps. Crowds gather from time to time to stare at the pitiful figure in white. And to many of the neighborhood women, the long-haired, dark-eyed patron saint of undying love.

But each day her heart breaks a little more," Father Gomez said. "I fear that one of these days we will find her lying there dead, but death no longer able to tear the pain and anguish she has endured for so many years.

"But then, at last, she will be in the arms of God and she will have the love she has waited so long for."

At 72 Maria still waits in the wedding gown he was to wear on his big day when she was only 19

Luckless charmers

Lucky charmers in India were considered artists, but now they are treated like scum and chased off the streets. Watching a deadly cobra has taken a backseat to TV, cartoon movies and video games as India tries to change its tourist image.

Mt. Everest is getting crowded!

The Earth is getting so crowded that even the top of Mount Everest is showing signs of mass human pollution, officials say.

The world's highest mountain is littered with garbage left behind by mountaineers. What's more, as many people are climbing the peak then ever before, so people await their turns to climb the summit.

They leave behind flags, rations, oxygen tanks and empty packs, worried authorities say. They believe new dining shelters will have a bad effect on the mountain's ecology.

Bullets bombard baseball game

A Little League game was called on account of rain — a rain of bullets!

Terrified ball players on Manhattan's rich Fur Coast were caught in a crossfire when a gunman opened fire on a team killing or wounding a crowd of spectators. One man — the father of a 7-year-old player — was shot in the stomach

killed in retaliation for a drug deal gone sour.

"We have our Little League, the kids have a good time and then we're invaded — it's really," said Bonnie Werther, a parent. "We gave up a lot to live in this city."

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California mom's nightmare!

Secretary has werewolf baby after love boat romance!

EXCLUSIVE Secret photo of werewolf baby and its mom appeared in a small Hungarian newspaper. The mother's name was not revealed and doctors would identify her only as Mary M. of California.

By SCOTTY PAUL
Staff writer

A lonely secretary's love affair with a handsome stranger on a dream cruise became a nightmare months later when she had his baby — a 6-pound, 8-ounce werewolf!

The bizarre baby boy is completely covered with thick dense hair and has tiny fangs and fingernails that resemble a wolf's claws.

"There is no doubt the child is the son of a werewolf," said Dr. Tamas Mihaly, who headed a team of Eastern European medical experts that examined the amazing tot.

"Characteristics united in the baby's head with and hair revealed he is half-human, half-animal," said the Hungarian pediatrician and an expert in the study of anthropology.

The infant was born five months ago in the San Francisco area secretary who doctors will identify only as Mary M.

Stunned doctors confirm infant is half-human half-animal!

Mary when she met a young Hungarian named Mihaly on the second night of a on a Mediterranean cruise.

"He was extremely handsome, very, very polite and caring," Mary said in an exclusive February interview with Hungarian reporter Jozsi Fodor in Budapest.

Mary admitted she was smitten with the dark-haired stranger the last night at sea.

The young mother said she never saw her cruise lover after the ship docked. "We made a date for the next day, but he didn't show up," she said.

Mary spent the early part of her pregnancy in the United States and returned to Budapest for special tests when a sonogram revealed the baby she carried wasn't normal.

"Now that I look back on Mihaly's weird behavior aboard ship, I realize that he [illegible] told the Budapest reporter.

"He locked himself in his cabin when there was a full moon and wouldn't open the door for anyone — not even me. But the next morning, he was friendly, outgoing and couldn't get enough of the sunshine."

She recalled the night she spotted on Mihaly's cabin door and heard unusual growling.

"He had the hairiest body of any man I'd ever seen," said Mary. "And he preferred his meat cooked extremely rare, if cooked at all."

Mary also revealed that baby already is showing werewolf signs.

"He grows very irritable when the moon is full and is already eating meat," she said.

The young secretary considered bringing the baby back home to the United States, but Dr. Mihaly talked her out of it.

"It is better that the nurses treat the baby again," said Dr. Mihaly.

"The child is better off here where we know how to deal with such things."

Glow-in-the-dark veggies tested

High-tech has hit the vegetable patch with the latest in scientific developments: Veggies that glow in the dark!

Officials at the Agriculture Department have given the green light to a scientist at Auburn University to test glowing cabbage and broccoli.

scientist Botany professor Joseph Shaw, used genes from a glowing sea creature to make the bacteria in a major plant disease light up after dark.

He expects to trace the progress of the disease through plants by observing the glow-

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My wife's hot to trot but I'm an also-ran

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVICE COLUMNIST

Dear Dotti: My wife and I used to have a normal love life but suddenly she expects more than I have to give. She goes at me from morning till night and gets furious if I can't keep up. Any suggestions? I adore my wife but she's wearing me out. — Needs a Break in Kansas City

Dear Needs: Any man worth his salt knows how to satisfy a lover without wearing himself out. Use your imagination, hub. There are more ways than one to skin a cat!

I can't sleep while roomie saws wood

Dear Dotti: Talk about problems! My roommate snores like a jackhammer and it's driving me up a wall. I've been told that stuffing olives up his nose while he's asleep will help. Is that safe? — Sleepless in Connecticut

Dear Sleepless: [illegible]

How do I get rid of brother-in-law?

Dear Dotti: I don't know what I'm going to do with my brother-in-law. He came to live with us because he had nowhere to go when he was released from the [illegible].

I thought that meant two or three months. But he's been here eight months and I can't get rid of him. My husband and I have no private life. On top of that, my brother-in-law won't work and he takes drugs, too. Tell me how I can get rid of this bum. — Going Crazy in California

Dear Going Crazy: [illegible]

Confidential

Dear Baggy in Midwest: A lot of gals like older men — especially those with money!

Dear Terrified Lady in Liberty: I don't care what your boyfriend says — get the damn thing OUT!

Dear Frozen Lovers in Vinton: You could break your backs pulling a stunt like that.

Dear Curious in New York: Now why do you think your neighbor bangs the [illegible] in the middle of the night?

Dear Exposed in Aberdeen: If you don't want them to watch, keep the bathroom door shut!

Dear [illegible]: Get a bigger bathing suit or shorts!

[illegible]

Why would someone become a hooker?

Dear Dotti: Why do hookers become hookers? — [illegible]

Dear [illegible]: [illegible]

Dotti, why don't you drop dead?

Dear Dotti: You don't give advice, you insult people and it makes me sick. This time I'm going to [illegible] you to the punch. Go die! — Furious in Memphis

Dear Furious: Only if you go first.

Does potato chips ruin my dieting

Dear Dotti: Six months ago I had a baby and I'm still fat as a pig. I've tried and tried to lose the weight I gained during my pregnancy but I can't. I weigh 175 and want to weigh 125 but potato chips stand in my way. What do you think? Would one of those liquid diets work? — Plump in [illegible]

Dear Plump: [illegible] the ones we publish in The [illegible] and you'll look like [illegible] in no time. If you've got guts enough to try it, I guarantee you'll lose weight!

I've fallen hard for a gay man

Dear Dotti: I've fallen in love with a gay man and for obvious reasons our relationship is going nowhere fast. I really love this guy and want him to love me. But I'm afraid to say anything because it might scare him off. Help me, Dotti. I need suggestions — fast! — Frustrated Lady in Alaska

Dear Frustrated: I've said it before and I'll say it again. Gals in your position can get a sex change — or find a new man!

Dotti will answer your letters — and tell it like it is. Just write to her, c/o Weekly World News, [illegible] Lantana, Fla. [illegible]

Ask the Countess

Should I allow my baby to be born?

Dear Countess: I just found out that I'm pregnant and I'm now trying to decide whether to have the baby. If he's not going to make a contribution to society and the human race, I'll have an abortion. You can help me, Countess. Tell me what my child will be like. — Curious in New York

Dear Curious: The child you're carrying will become a great humanitarian if allowed to live and will make the world a better place to live in. [illegible] Looking into my crystal ball, I can see that you'll make the right decision.

COUNTESS SOPHIA SARAH

offers readers personal advice based on their horoscopes. Write to Countess Sarah, Weekly World News, [illegible] Lantana, Fla. [illegible]. Include your birth date. The Countess answers in [illegible]. Do not send money.

[illegible] woman but almost every night I dream that I'm a guy and it [illegible] me all day long. I really do feel like a boy trapped in a girl's body. Was I meant to be a man? — Girl or [illegible]

[illegible] to discuss this problem with your family doctor right away. My crystal ball tells me that then and only then will you find the answers you seek. Good luck.

[illegible] ago I was humiliated because someone blabbed one of my deepest, darkest secrets. Will you please put a spell on this person and also do something to make me more popular? I'd really appreciate your help. — Sad in Grassy Knob

Dear Sad: I have no intention of putting an evil spell on anyone for any reason! I HAVE worked a little magic to help you in the popularity department. But I can only open the door — making and keeping friends is ultimately up to you.

* * *

Dear Countess: My father died recently and I miss him very much. Can you tell me if [illegible] very much. — Confused in [illegible]

Dear Confused: Your dear father is indeed in heaven and he's with you in spirit every minute of every day. No matter what happens in your life, your dad will be watching, guiding and loving you — he told me so himself!

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PERSONAL TO . . .

Penniless in Paterson: You only think you're broke. In fact, your late husband buried $22,000 beside the furnace under your house. Go dig it up!

Waiting in Pittsburgh: The elderly stranger you meet next Friday will answer that question — and more.

He plays football, rides a bike and even jumps rope!

BRAVE TEEN HAS ONLY BUT A WHOLE LOT OF HEART!

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

No challenge is too tough for brave teen Bobby Williams, who is walking tall through life on his hands — because he has no legs or anything else below his waist.

"Nobody ever says 'can't' to me anymore. They know it's a word I don't believe in," said the bright-eyed boy with half a body.

The courageous 13-year-old kid has been amazing everyone with his desire and determination despite a rare ailment that robbed him of a normal life.

Bobby was born with a missing lower spine and pelvic region. Doctors had to amputate his tendons, flipper-like legs and his deformed lower body when he was 5.

He swims, plays football, baseball and basketball. He climbs stairs on his hands, rides a bicycle, jumps rope. And not too many kids his age dare to test him at arm wrestling.

"Bobby is the joy of our family," said his mother, Dorothy.

"You watch him and you see the joy he has inside him — and it's impossible to feel sorry for yourself."

The gutsy teen is a ninth grader at Shepaug Park Junior High School in Danbury, Conn. He is an above-average student and well-liked by his classmates.

ATHLETIC: "I love playing football," says Bobby. "I'm a great tackler."

He has been fitted with artificial legs attached to a bucket contraption that fits over the bottom of his torso. But he prefers to

CHEERFUL: Bobby Will... with on his hands ... "Most of the kids ... are amazed. They ... if they do," said ... football. I'm a great ... children and pull ...

Local businessmen ... organize a fund-drive ... family five years ago.

"People who have ... walking on self-pity ... body owns them ...

IRANIAN HUNTER SHOT DEAD BY SNAKE!

In a bizarre accident that challenges the imagination, a hunter was blasted to kingdom come — when a snake he was trying to capture pulled the trigger on his shotgun!

Father of six Hamed Amani had pinned a harmless lizard-eating snake to the ground by pressing the butt of his 16-gauge shotgun behind its head.

In its frantic effort to escape, the trapped snake violently coiled through the trigger guard and then RAN!

Hamed took the shotgun blast full in the face and was dead before he hit the ground — 11 feet away!

"It was a terrible sight to behold," the dead hunter's grieving nephew, Yusuf Rahmejat, later told a reporter for the Islamic Republic ... with my uncle's hare flesh and his blood.

"He did a very foolish thing in trying to catch the snake with his gun. When he held down its head, my uncle was leaning hard on his gun with his face but a few inches from the muzzle."

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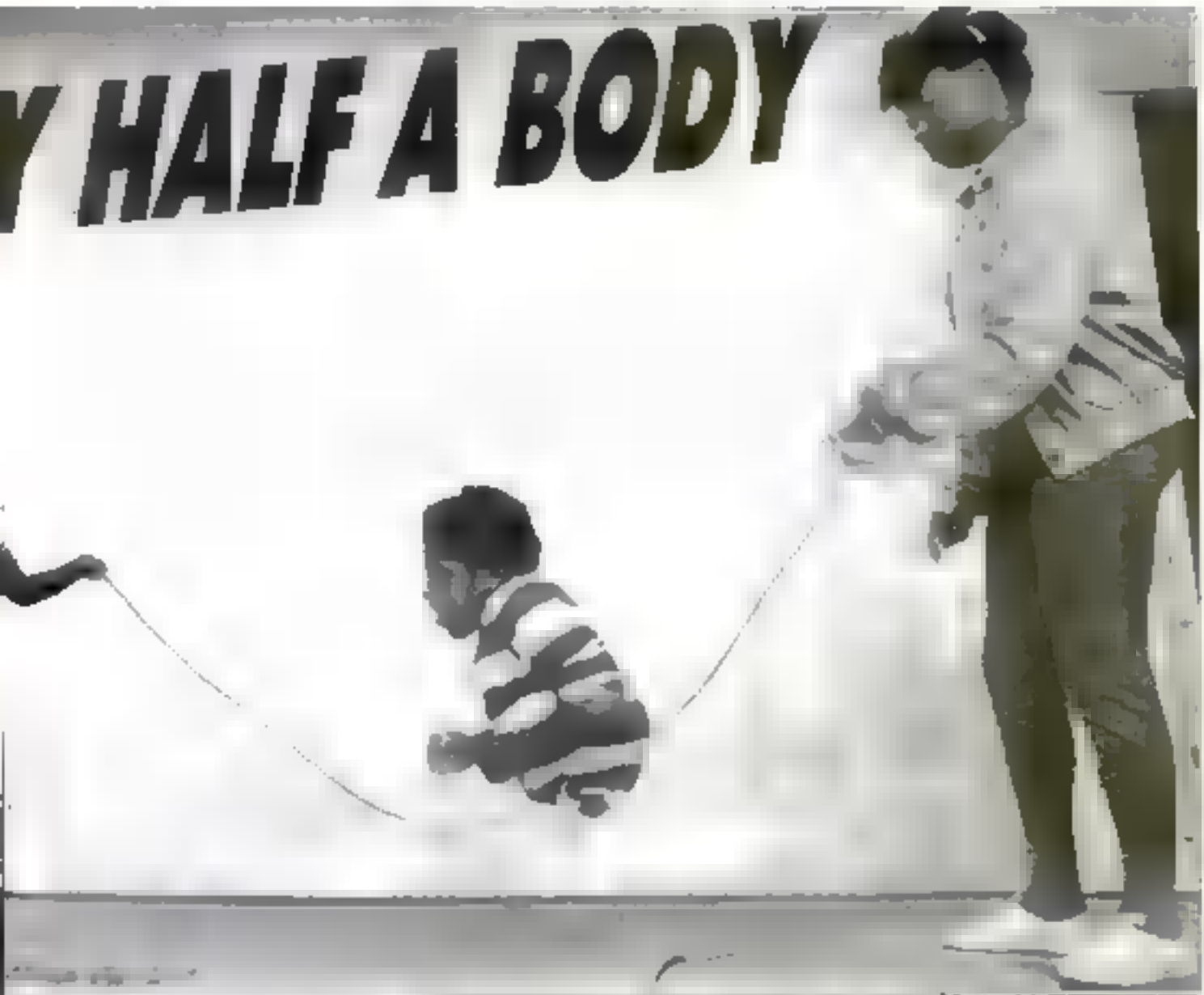

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...do. I'm a very positive person."

Rape-trial judge says a gal's 'No' may mean 'Yes'

Angry women want a judge to resign after he said during a rape trial that women who say "no" might really mean "yes."

"No wonder only 1 in 10 women report rape to the police," said one angry woman.

Judge Raymond Dean, 57, was presiding at a rape trial in Chelmsford, England, when he told the jury, "As the gentlemen on the jury will understand, when a woman says no she doesn't al-

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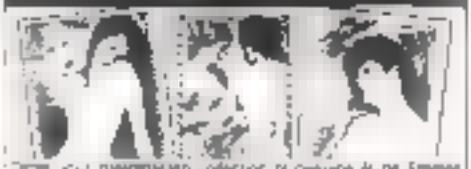

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Cop accidentally shoots student — during gun control lecture!

A bungling cop made a real boo-boo when she drew her revolver during a gun control lecture at a high school — and accidentally shot a student.

Officer Carrie Gann was suspended without pay for two days after the bullet ricocheted off the floor and struck Philip Silvers, 17, in the left wrist.

By JACK ALEXANDER

"I was all relaxed and my hand was on my hip when she pulled out her gun," said Philip, who was treated at a hospital emergency room and released the same day.

Officer Gann, a five-year veteran, was lecturing a class of teenagers at Hamilton High School Wednesday when she pulled her gun and pointing it at Philip, who was sitting in the front row.

Normally, the officer uses blanks in her .38-caliber revolver but mistakenly put a live round in the gun.

To stress the dangerous nature of gun attacks, Officer Gann whipped out her gun and fired.

"It didn't really hurt until I looked down and saw the blood," said Philip. "I was kind of startled."

It was reminiscent of the time a world officer," said Police Chief Charles Henderson. "She does a really good job and she's very upset about it."

Henderson said he didn't know Officer Gann had earlier performed the gun-firing demonstration three times.

But he said officer Gann won't be allowed to draw her gun in future demonstrations until she undergoes gun safety training and her performance is re-evaluated.

Oops! Looks like this is going to be one rough landing. But things were a lot smoother when Captain Al Haynes and his crew brought their crippled United Airlines DC-10 down safely in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 19, 1989. Auto pilot?

Earthquake cures boy scared speechless by tremor 10 years ago!

By SUSAN MASON
Staff writer

A terrifying earthquake scared Sal Spano speechless but the mute teen was suddenly cured — 10 years later — by a second earth-shaking tremor!

Now Sal, 14, is talking a blue streak.

"It's a miracle," said Maria Mason, 44, Sal's delighted mom. "My son can speak again. The same terrible act of nature that took his speech has given it back again."

Sal was just a boy of 4 in 1980 when the first terrifying earthquake shook his life to the core. The child was so frightened that he ran and cowered under his bed, and when his mother found him he was totally changed.

Instead of the talkative, laughing little tyke he had been before, Sal became totally silent.

"He was surrounded by other kids and he suffered terribly," recalled his mother, who lives with Sal in Naples, Italy.

"We took him to the best specialists but they couldn't help him. They told us he suffered a serious emotional trauma from the earthquake. One doctor told me that only another trauma of the same magnitude could cure him, but I didn't really believe him."

Finally after a fruitless trip to the shrine at Lourdes, France, months of therapy and years of anguish, it was another earthquake, almost

MIRACLE boy Sal Spano with happy mom, Maria Mason.

exactly 10 years to the day, that cured Sal.

Sal was at school when Naples was shaken by a massive earthquake on May 5, 1990.

"I was sitting in my seat when I felt the earth shake," Sal later told his mother. "Everyone ran out of the classroom except me. I sat there at my desk in a cold sweat, feeling like I was reliving the horrors of the past.

"Then at the same time, I felt something was happening inside me, and when at last

Test yourself — Are you your own worst enemy?

Do you expect too much of yourself?

"People who are overly self-critical are always getting down on themselves," said psychologist Robert M. Pilato.

"There's no such thing as a person who doesn't have any strengths. Yet self-critical people rarely focus on their strong points."

To find out how self-critical you are, take this true-false quiz. Simply circle T for "true" or F for "false."

1. Whenever I do something wrong, I think of myself either as a failure or loser. T F
2. I'm not satisfied unless I do all things perfectly. T F
3. I'm down too frequently. T F
4. I'm embarrassed when I show emotion. T F
5. I believe there's no point in doing something if I can't do it well. T F
6. I cannot be happy unless I please everyone around me. T F
7. I often feel worried about something I've said or done. T F
8. At times, I feel I am worthless. T F
9. I often try to do several things at once. T F
10. I don't feel intelligent enough to offer my opinions at meetings or social gatherings. T F
11. I often blame myself for failures or mistakes. T F
12. Business or social blunders have me depressed for days. T F

SCORING

Give yourself one point for each "true" answer.

ANALYSIS

9-12: You are overly critical of yourself — you don't give yourself a break at all. People who are overly self-critical can be setting themselves in for emotional or physical problems — such as high blood pressure, headaches, anxiety and depression.

5-8: You tend to be overly self-critical in certain situations — at least 50 percent of the time you make them too hard on yourself.

0-4: Although critical of yourself on occasion, you also realize that everybody makes mistakes and nobody's perfect.

0-1: You're rarely, if ever, self-critical.

Here are tips from Dr. Pilato to help keep you from being overly self-critical:

1. Try to avoid 'black-and-white' thinking. Don't view everything as either wonderful or terrible. Think in shades of gray. And give yourself a break whenever things do go wrong.

2. Don't make yourself the cause of a problem you have little control over.

3. Avoid thinking in terms such as, 'I should, I must, I ought to.' Those terms put demands on you, and if you fail to live up to them, you'll feel guilty or anxious.

4. Don't blow things out of proportion. Just because you may have minor imperfections, don't think, "I'm not lovable."

5. Learn to accept compliments.

6. Don't look for hidden negative meanings in things people say. Accept what they say without second-guessing.

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Wrestling hero goes into hiding after new rival beats him up

HULK IN A SULK

Hulk Hogan is deeply depressed and may never wrestle again after suffering a brutal beating at the hands of Earthquake!

The Hulkster's spirits took this turn for the worse when the [illegible]-pound Canadian monster attacked him from behind at a press conference. Pouncing on him repeatedly with his giant splash, Earthquake severely bruised — and possibly fractured — several of Hogan's ribs.

The two giants were supposed to have a series of matchups across the country, but the former World Wrestling Federation champion canceled the bouts and went into seclusion at his home in [illegible] Beach, Calif.

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You can help cheer up the champ — here's how

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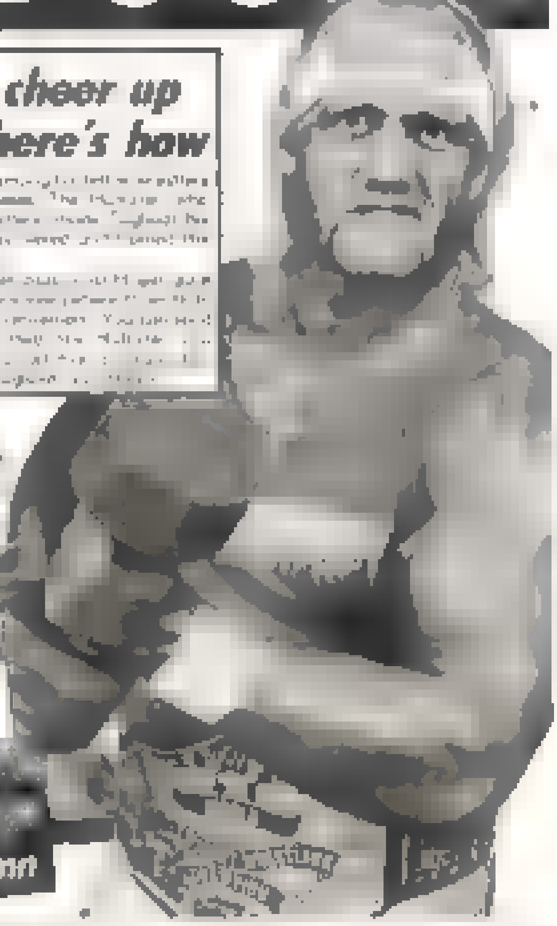
BODY SLAMS

America's hot[illegible] column



HULK HOGAN has canceled all his upcoming bouts after [illegible] Earthquake clobbered him from behind.

MR. PERFECT [illegible]

FLASH RESULTS

[illegible] Jake Roberts and Macho King Randy Savage [illegible]

[illegible] knock him down and pin him.

[illegible] Intercontinental title [illegible] Warlord [illegible]

FANS' CORNER

Why [illegible]

[illegible] Bobby Heenan and Jimmy Hart, who are always interfering in their wrestlers' matches? [illegible]

Managers are one of the most [illegible] things about pro wrestling. [illegible] The Big Boss Man and The Bushwhackers don't have managers [illegible]

Has Mr. Perfect had heart surgery [illegible]

[illegible] surgery.

Considering his [illegible]

GOOD GUYS like The Bushwhackers don't have managers telling them what to do.

[illegible] a vicious chop on Perfect's chest by [illegible] "The [illegible]"

Calif. high school hands out condoms

A San Francisco area high school is trying to keep the lid on teenage pregnancies by handing out free condoms to its students.

Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley is the first school in California to distribute the birth control device without parental consent. The school's nurse will provide condoms free-of-charge to any student after a mandatory counseling session that includes instruction on how to use them.

MAKE YOURSELF MORE APPEALING

. . . in 9 easy steps

You can become more appealing to others by following nine easy suggestions from an expert psychiatrist.

"Learn how to enhance good points and improve upon bad ones — that's the key to being more appealing," said Dr. Judith Broomer-Bloom. Here are her tips:

Accept the way you look.

The only way people will truly accept you is if you accept yourself. Not everyone can look like a glamorous movie star — but each of us has our share of attractive physical qualities.

Wear clothes that please you. Don't try to please anyone else by what you wear. Just because a certain style is in fashion doesn't mean it's right for you.

When you wear clothing you feel looks best on you, you'll show people that you are happy and satisfied with yourself — and them are very appealing traits.

Don't walk around with a chip on your shoulder. That makes you defensive, hostile and resentful.

Trust others. Don't assume they want to hurt up use you. Someone who is distrustful cannot show warmth to others — and warmth and caring are among the most appealing attributes you can have.

Be open about your emotions. Let your feelings — anger, pain, tenderness, affection — show. If you feel excited, impressed, pleased, happy or sad, don't try to hide it. If you don't show your emotions, you might appear cold or indifferent — and that's not appealing.

Keep your sense of humor. A person who is laughing or smiling at the appropriate time is appealing to everyone.

Cultivate poise. Walk tall, stand up straight and look people straight in the eye when you talk to them.

Be considerate. Those who are caring and considerate toward people are always appealing to others.

Call on your friends for help. It's not a sign of weakness — it's a sign of strength.

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Royal cheapskate!

By DICK DONOVAN
Staff writer

Tightwad Queen Elizabeth has turned her back on a poverty-stricken cousin who is forced to toil more than 12 hours a day — as a cleaning lady!

The Queen, said to be the richest woman in the world — worth $10 billion — in effect told destitute mother of two Jennifer Bowes-Lyon to take a hike when she pleaded for a small loan.

"Being rejected by my own family like that was a devastating blow," 46-year-old Jennifer said. "How would anyone feel if they were in dire straits and a relative who's never had to worry about money refused to help?"

Once a member of British aristocracy who mingled in the highest circles of society, Jennifer now is forced to work her tail off just to put a roof overhead and food on the table.

Though she comes from the Queen Mother's side of the royal family, Jennifer is so hard up that she:

- Can't afford to buy fresh meat or new clothes for her two young daughters.
- Works at least 12 hours a day cleaning and cooking for the rich.
- Has lived with the threat of being jailed because of unpaid debts.
- Often considered killing herself as her only escape from constant money worries.

Jennifer's problems began with the failure of a catering service she and her husband Stephen ran in Ireland. The collapse of their business shattered her marriage and left her with more than $130,000 in unpaid bills.

As debts piled up, she was forced to sell the family home in Tel Aviv, pawn her jewelry and take a job paying $6 an hour in order to care for herself and her daughters, Emma, 13, and Tamiya, 8.

But after shelling out more than $1,000 a month for rent and minimum compulsory health insurance and school funds for the girls she is left with a paltry $40 a week for food, hot fuels and other necessities.

In desperation, Jennifer swallowed her British pride and turned to her cousin Queen Elizabeth, for a loan from a Bowes-Lyon family fund.

Instead of the help she needed, Jennifer got a curt letter from one of the Queen's secretarial staff.

"All matters concerning the Bowes-Lyon family are referred to the administrator of Glamis Castle in Angus, Scotland," the staff secretary wrote. "I would suggest that you write to him."

The royal brushoff devastated Jennifer, whose only pair of shoes were left to her by a friend who had died last year.

"I wasn't looking for a handout," she declared. "All I wanted was help with a loan to tide me over. But my request was treated with contempt."

ENGLAND'S richest Queen Elizabeth has refused to help her poor cousin.

HARDWORKING Jennifer Bowes-Lyon gets no help from her royal relative.

Wanted: Cowboys

The Wild West has gotten so tame nobody's willing to be a cowboy anymore, so ranchers are having to import cowboys from Mexico and Peru.

"Nobody wants to work that hard," said George Talbot, who owns a 400,000-acre spread in Douglas, Wyo.

"They all want to work banker's hours. Everybody wants to be a boss. These Mexicans are workers. They don't quit on you when you hand them a shovel and tell them to clean a corral."

Experts believe that foreign workers will unknowingly make up the work force that tramps herds and saves cattle and performs the other chores on America's ranches. Although unemployment is a problem in many areas of the West, folks would rather be idle than ride the range.

SCHOOL DAZE

"How did your exams go?" a mom asked her son.

"I nearly got a hundred in every subject."

"How do you mean — nearly a hundred?"

CHINESE PEASANTS LIVE TO 130 BY DRINKING WINE MADE FROM LIZARDS

By ZEKI MOSES

Peasants in a farming village in China are living to be 110, 120, even 130 years old because they drink a special lizard-brewed wine — made with fermented lizards, snakes and dog and deer genitals!

Lee Mathers is one of many senior citizens in Hami who swears by the regular lizard wine daily. She'll mark her 120th year of life this year!

Villager Lee Shuping has smoked heavily for decades, gobbles down great meals and drinks at least one glass of the many-smelling wine every day. He's 111 years old.

Hami has 19,000 people between the ages of 65 and 100. Many others are in health and still work in the rice paddies.

The key ingredient in the elixir of youth is the red-spotted lizard, which is grated and fermented for six months before being mixed with rice wine.

Hami villagers drink about 500,000 bottles of lizard wine each year.

Music can tune up your marriage

Music can put your marriage in tune, says a university expert.

"You can use it to help resolve marital quarrels, to rekindle romance and establish a more harmonious mood. Music can even help couples keep their marriages together," Dr. Judith Belau said.

She offered these suggestions for keeping your marriage happy:

♫ Listen to music to prevent any end-of-the-day squabbles. If you're out of sorts from a hard day, take an easy-listening music break before you and your mate get together. "Slow music without lyrics is most suitable for defusing end-of-the-day tensions," said Dr. Belau.

♫ Settle arguments more quickly by listening to a montage tune together.

Make an agreement at a calm time to call a temporary truce when you argue. Put a favorite piece of music on — any music that fits into the "not song" category, she said. "The nonverbal communication that results from playing 'your song' can bring about a change of mood."

♫ Sing along with popular tunes to establish a feeling of togetherness. "Pretty tunes to listen, enjoy a poignant

Play and sing with easy-to-remember lyrics and encourage your mate to sing them with you. Sharing well-loved music helps couples feel more together," said Dr. Belau.

♫ Use music to make sure you get a good night's sleep. "When you don't sleep well, you're in no condition to be a loving, sharing, caring marriage partner," said Dr. Belau.

"Music can help overcome sleeplessness.

"Select music that calms and soothes you and use it as background sound while you sleep."

♫ Use love songs to add romance to your marriage, she suggested.

"Make favorite love songs part of your life — play them often, to heighten romance or to turn an ordinary dinner into a 'date.'"

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Man tried to kill ex-girlfriend with truck, say cops

A man was charged with attempted murder after he rammed his truck into two houses and several cars, cops said.

Federico Rivera, 24, was in the county jail in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"Rivera drove his truck to a former girlfriend's house on Tiki Lane in the Bay and drove the truck into the side of the house by the bedroom where the girl was sleeping," said sheriff's spokesman Margaret Shepard.

"The girl got up and looked out the window at Rivera, who then backed up the truck and rammed the house again, causing a wall to collapse," said Mike Shepard.

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54 [illegible] ago [illegible] fiendish crimes shocked the nation

Cannibal madman killed & ate 15 kids!

By DICK DONOVAN

[illegible]

On Jan. 16, 1936, harmless-looking housepainter Albert Fish went to his death in the electric chair, ending the revolting career of the most fiendish serial child killer in the annals of American crime!

[illegible]

ALBERT FISH admitted molesting more than 400 children in the [illegible] years before he was electrocuted for the murder of Grace Budd. He told reporters he liked kids because "they don't tell."

AUTHORITIES dig for evidence in the basement of Fish's home in New York.

He cooked one young victim in a stew with carrots, onions and potatoes!

[illegible]

TOP EXPERTS REVEAL SECRETS OF HAPPINESS

Why are some people happy while others aren't? Scientists in leading universities and research foundations have been putting happiness under a microscope. Here are some of their fascinating findings:

Q. What percent of Americans are happy?

A. Between 30 and [illegible] percent of Americans rate themselves as quite happy, according to four leading surveys. Nearly [illegible] percent rate themselves as only moderately happy. And slightly over 10 percent rate themselves as definitely unhappy.

Q. Are men happier than women?

[illegible] happier and more interesting lives, according to a nationwide poll.

And scientific studies support this view. Women also tend to be more distrustful of each other than men are, and thus cannot feel the sense of good fellowship enjoyed by men.

Q. Are married persons happier than single people?

A. On the whole, yes. But [illegible] would be happier if they got married. Studies show that most men and women who never marry are temperamentally ill-suited to matrimony.

Q. What one thing tends to separate the happy from the unhappy?

A. Attitude. Everybody has the choice of adopting one of two attitudes: (1) being thankful for what he has, or (2) [illegible]

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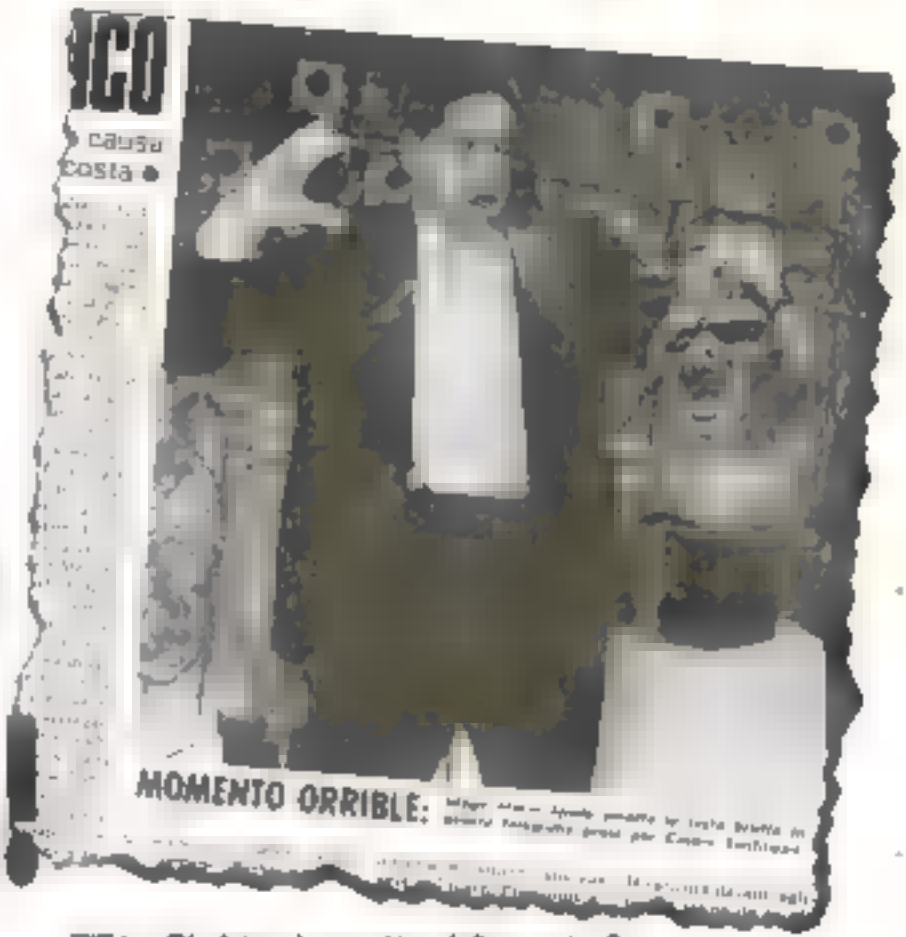

THIS incredible photograph appeared in an Italian magazine. Occult & Magic, and shows magician's moment of horror

By CARLOS CASSAS
in Milan

Magician Mario Spada reached into his hat for a cute little bunny rabbit and pulled out a shrieking demon from hell!

The mind-blowing incident was witnessed by 75 people, including a news photographer who captured the disembodied creature on film.

"This is it! This is proof that black magic and the supernatural are real," parapsychologist researcher Andrea Pognoni was quoted as saying in the Italian magazine, *Occult & Magic*.

"This young magician dabbled with forces and powers that he didn't understand and he almost got killed."

Spada, 32, couldn't have agreed more. *Occult & Magic* reported that he fully expected to pull a rabbit from his hat during a performance at a garden mall in Bologna.

But the demon came out and he blamed a voodoo priest from Haiti who tried to teach him the black arts.

"I studied with him for several months and he got angry when I tried to take one of his books of curses and spells," said Spada.

"He said he would make me pay. But I didn't expect him to put a curse on me!" Some 75 people reportedly saw Spada pull the disembodied demon out of his hat.

Newspaper photographer Carmine Sanfilippo managed to snap a picture of the creature before he, Spada and the audience ran for their lives.

Police were alerted and arrived within five minutes but they found no trace of the demon.

Spada's hat was scorched and dotted with blood stains, however, and both it and a print of Sanfilippo's picture were taken as evidence.

"We had three photo experts analyze the picture and they agreed that it is not a hoax," said Police Detective Luciano Carbone.

"That doesn't mean that we can explain what happened Frankly, I think it's beyond explaining." Nobody was hurt in the incident but Spada says he's through with magic or dilemmas of any kind.

"It's just not worth the risk," he said. "I was lucky once. I might not be so lucky again."

The *NEWS* was unable to obtain an original print of Sanfilippo's picture for analysis but contacted American photo experts about the photo that appeared in the Italian magazine.

They agreed that it appeared to be genuine but didn't rule out the possibility that it had been altered in some way.

Voodoo priest put a curse on him after he dabbled in black magic!

Robot doc operates on a dog!

"Robodoc" a robot with skills many times that of human surgeons, made medical history when it installed an artificial hip joint in a dog.

Described by the first operation of its kind, University of California at Davis researchers said the breakthrough should pave the way for robot-assisted hip surgery in humans in about a year.

"The robot is very steady and we are able to program the shape with the exact dimensions of the implant so that we get a perfect match in the bone," said researcher Ray Paul.

"I think because of the precision of the robot, we may eventually see surgeries that have not yet been envisioned at." Dr. Paul added.

How to criticize without hurting anyone's feelings

By MATTHEW RABBIT

It's O.K. to criticize, provided you do it the right way, says a top psychiatrist.

"The reason criticism so often results in hard feelings is that most people are poor critics," Dr. Moshe Torem said.

Here are Dr Torem's tips on how you can criticize people without alienating them.

1 Suppose what you have to say by opening with a word of praise before you make your complaint. For example, say "You're normally so accurate in math, I find it hard to believe this checkbook is out of balance."

2 Say it with a smile. "Avoid accompanying any hostility with your voice, facial expression or body language," Dr. Torem advised. "People shy away from negative approaches."

3 Keep it private — don't criticize someone in front of others. "That even holds true for family arguments," Dr. Torem said.

"If you are a parent, don't criticize one child in front of another, don't criticize your spouse in front of the kids, or friends in public."

4 If you want your criticism to be effective, you should make it in the best interest of the other person to change.

For example, if you want your teenager to keep his room more orderly, think of a reason that will appeal to him. Point out that if he straightened out his room he'd be able to entertain friends there, and also be able to find his clothes, records and schoolbooks more easily.

5 Don't make the other person 100 percent wrong — instead, share some of the responsibility when you criticize. For example, if someone has failed to return your tools, say, "I guess I didn't make it clear that I needed those tools returned right away."

Dr Torem wraps up his advice with this suggestion: "When offering criticism, taking an 'I'm right, you are wrong' approach is the biggest mistake you can make."

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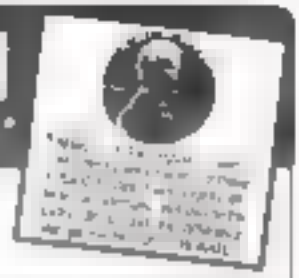

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Clothespin tells when wash is dry

It won't solve the world hunger crisis or end global wars, but an 11-year-old French kid has invented a really nifty gadget — a clothespin that flashes when the washing is dry!

Unfortunately, the brainchild of young Antoine Vial has a hefty price tag . . . $4.50 per pin. But the boy believes mass production could bring down the cost.

Each pin is fitted with a tiny battery in a way that prevents current from passing while the laundry is wet. But when it's dry, a connection is made and voilà! a light flashes on the pin.

Owner battles in court to save testy tabby

Cat's on death row — after stealing food!

A snooty cat that got in trouble after stealing a neighbor cat's food has been sentenced to die — and the fight to save him has already cost taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Boogs the cat chased two frightened women into their apartment, growled and menaced them and polished off their cat's food.

The Siamese-mix cat kept growling at anyone who came near him and his animal control officer Esther Nastenovich whom she tried to rope him according to public health officials in Madison, Wis.

"It's an aggressive cat. It was literally attacking people," said Health Director Pat Nichols, who sentenced Boogs to die May 1, 1998 after the city's health committee said he was dangerous. Boogs has been behind bars ever since while his owner, D.W. Wanberg, 34, wages a determined court battle to free him.

Wanberg says his cat isn't dangerous but admits the animal is temperamental. Boogs was a bit off his food the day he got in trouble, he said.

"I had him on a cat food diet. I watched his weight. Little chicks that said you should put your cat on a diet," said Wanberg.

It has cost taxpayers almost $2,000 just to keep Boogs on "death row" as the battle to save him rages in court. And it has cost thousands of dollars worth of man-hours for the judge and other public officials involved," said a health department spokeswoman.

There have been several "Free Boogs Now" rallies, but city officials have stood their ground. They say Boogs violates the city's dangerous animal ordinance.

"The animal will attack when exposed to people," said Dr. Thomas Trumbull. "In my experience, there is nothing that will change this behavior. This cat is a risk to the public."

Wanberg's appeal to save his beloved kitty-cat is before Circuit Judge Susan Kirchgatt. A final ruling on the case is expected by late summer.

"It's been a huge trauma for me," said Wanberg. "I guess I'm used to it now. Boogs is not the screaming cat they say he is. I hope to save his life."

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT? Boogs, the feisty tomcat, sits on death row at quarters plastered while his owner battles for his life.

She's 102 — and teaches aerobics!

Feisty Geneva McDaniel is still teaching aerobics — and she's 102 years old!

The sprightly senior is the oldest resident of Duluth, Ga., but that hasn't stopped her from leading 30 senior citizens at a weekday aerobics class at a local park.

"People are always surprised to learn how I've lived so long," said Mrs. McDaniel. "I tell them that I try to think positive, drink lots of water and always exercise.

"I like to walk up and down the stairway. That's good for the heart."

Mrs. McDaniel leads her class through stretches and calisthenics at Duluth Park in Duluth. "We try to do enough exercise so that we use all the joints," she said.

Her students at the Duluth Senior Center are just amazed by her drive and determination.

The strong-willed senior is set in her ways and need to seeking her own destruction. When one of her children suggested she might need someone to help take care of her, she turned them down flat. "Shoot, I'm not about to do that. Then I might start thinking I'm getting old," she

SPRY Geneva McDaniel leads

Man jailed for wearing a bird

Cops threw a California man in the pokey — for wearing a live hummingbird around his neck as a piece of jewelry!

Ramon Ruiz, 20 was arrested after police officers saw him strolling down a North Hollywood street with a hummingbird tied to an 18-inch piece of pink string around his neck.

The poor bird couldn't fly because its wings had been clipped, had lost circulation in its legs where the string had been tied and lost some feathers, say cops.

It was taken to an animal shelter for treatment.

Ruiz pleaded innocent to the charge of cruelty to animals.

It's time, honey!

A Swiss clock maker has come out with a watch that doesn't just tell time — it alerts couples when it's the best time to make it (they want children).

When properly set, the watch's "cycle hand" will indicate a woman's fertile days of her cycle and when she is most likely to conceive a boy or a girl.

When it gets to America it will cost about $80 but for

38,000 outraged NEWS readers scream for blood!

EVIL dad Charles Rothenberg lives high at our expense.

Death's too good for child burner!

DAVID is scarred for life after he was burned by his dad.

Weekly World News readers are outraged that a fiendish father who set fire to his son is being treated like a king since his parole — and it's costing taxpayers $114,000 a year.

By JACK ALEXANDER

Mightily more than 38,000 furious readers responded to our You Be The Judge poll on drug child burner Charles Rothenberg should be rastrained. tortured. hung out to dry in the hot sun and much worse.

The begging and sure and common and the government must be "stupid" or "completely mad" to put on the Rothenberg mind and fuck more he was released from prison after serving less than six years for torching his son David when he was only 3.

The *NEWS* reported on the vile freakish that Rothenberg is chauffeured around by private citizens who take him on out-of-town trips, pick up his grocery tab and even bring him the morning newspaper.

The pampered treatment didn't set well with our readers.

"Hang the S.O.B.," said a man from Newtown. "Give him what he gave his son — pain. Then kill him," said a woman from Boston.

"He should be tortured, then burned and put on a chain gang for the rest of his life," said a reader from Rockford, Ill.

"Every time I look at that creep's little boy and the burner he will carry around with him the rest of his life, I get riled up," said a reader from Lexington, Ky.

"I think the man should be restrained with no painkiller, hammerhanged, and doused in turpentine.

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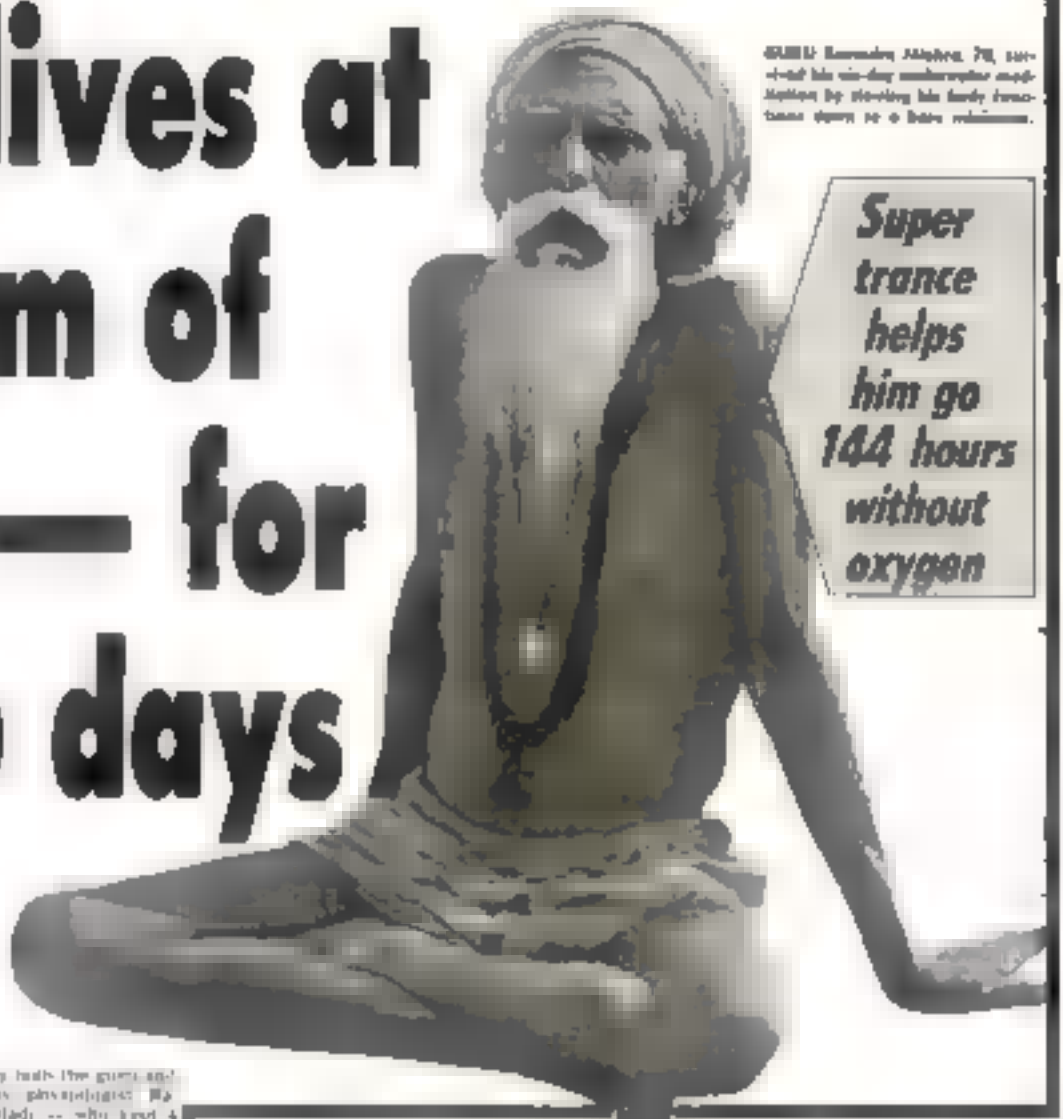

GURU Ramadas Akahra, 70, survived his six-day underwater meditation by chewing his body functions down to a bare minimum.

Super trance helps him go 144 hours without oxygen

By BILL TOOMEY

A 70-year-old guru meditated on the bottom of a lake for six full days then waded to shore unharmed!

"It's a miracle," Neeha-ami Ishwa, one of 400 people who stood vigil by the shores of the 80 foot deep lake told reporters in Rieti, Italy.

"Our guru has proved that he is truly divine. Many said there was no way he could accomplish what he set out to do. But I saw him do it with my own eyes."

The old guru himself, Hariatma Mishra, modestly brushed off his feat. He told reporters that he sacrificed for the glory of the Hindu goddess Kali.

She gave me strength when I had none. All glory is hers," he said.

Skeptics quickly charged that the old holy man should be suffering for all which has followers and onlookers obeyed. Those charges were denied by both the guru and unnamed physiologists. Dr. Josh Kellett — who lost a close race on the submerged guru from a diving bell stationed on the lake.

"Mishra went without air for 144 hours — six full days," said Dr. Bhatt. "He weighted himself down with lead and sat in a lotus position on the bottom of the lake.

"It would seem that he was able to subsist by slowing his body functions to a standstill with meditation."

Although the guru suffered no apparent damage from the sixteen separate brain waves "behaved most irregularly" for several days after he surfaced, said the doctor.

"I attribute that to his deep meditation," he added. "But there's no permanent damage."

'There goes the neighborhood'

Snobby neighbors of Donna Russell are hopping mad — because she's opened up her posh mansion to the homeless!

The Good Samaritan bought the $40,000 Inglewood house two years ago when she said: "I felt really called by the Lord to do this and to buy this house to do it. It's a ministry."

Zoning officials in Trumbull, [illegible] ordered Miss Russell to stop taking in young homeless mothers and threatened her with arrest after receiving complaints from neighbors. She was told a town law that requires three-quarters of the people living in a single family dwelling be related by blood, marriage or adoption.

Miss Russell blames the opposition on fears that the presence of homeless people will hurt property values. She says she doesn't charge the families she helps and currently has two young mothers and their babies living with her.

GRUESOME TWOSOME!

A former Liberian defense minister and his wife killed a cop in Monrovia so they could use his blood and body parts to make a magic potion, news agencies in West Africa report.

Lady bigwigs warned . . .

'Bare your legs — or else!'

Lady legislators in Uruguay have been told to bare their legs at official functions — or else!

The eyeball-blowing order came from Vice President Gonzalo Aguirre who said that female parliamentarians were defaulting "the good customs and ethics" of parliament by wearing pants to work.

Ouch! Hubby chomps off wife's tongue during honeymoon smooch!

By JOE BERGIA

Hot-blooded hubby Giorgio [illegible]arlio and his blushing bride were honeymooning in Greece when Giorgio gave his wife a passionate smooch — and bit off half her tongue!

[illegible] Cops said yesterday," the retired Arizona lawyer told police.

Giddy Giorgio and his blushing wife Arlene were [illegible]

TONGUEBITER: Giorgio Farmarlio with his wife Arlene.

[illegible] too excited. I feel very bad about what I did to Arlene, but I shouldn't end up in jail."

Cops later agreed and let Giorgio free after his hard-hitting bride came to his defense.

"It was all an accident," said injured Arlene.

7 out of 10 teens believe in angels

An overwhelming 68 percent of all teenagers believe in at least one supernatural phenomenon — and 74 percent of those believe in angels.

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By Neville B. Lovin - Special Feature Writer

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Tabak began a few years ago with humble beginnings as a truck driver like the cash didn't want to roll in until he discovered the little known industry secret.

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"I'm no smarter than you," he states, "only, I have discovered an amazing wealth system."

"That my program can do it, he says, "and you can admire driving your sparkling Mercedes, BMW, or Cadillac. You dazzle your friends with your new design home. And people see you radiating like a champion."

"You can really be the kind of person that you always wanted to be."

And what's more," he adds, "no matter an extra $30,000 tax cap, requires little effort."

"Look, there's no magic, secret, and real [illegible] you're ripe to take your time and work. But it's worth a lot for that," he adds. "I only want people who are willing to put forth some effort to succeed."

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Water bed pops & puts out fire!

A water bed popped and put out a fire that threatened to burn a mobile home to the ground!

Fire officials said an electrical short started the fire in a bedroom of Ken Lloyd's trailer in Arlington, Tex., and quickly spread to the bed.

The mattress ruptured from the heat and doused the blaze. Lloyd and three other people escaped without injury, the officials said.

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I went from a 36C to a 32A, says shocked nurse

Hospital food made my boobs go bust!

By JACK ALEXANDER
Staff writer

Buxom beauty Fiona Sewell says she got food poisoning in a hospital cafeteria — and it made her breasts shrink.

Furious Fiona, 28, claims her bust dwindled from a sexy 36C to a tiny 32A after she was hospitalized with salmonella poisoning.

"My bust was ample before. It was one of my main assets. I enjoyed dressing, but I wanted to carry on modelling as well," said forlorn Fiona, who hopes her breasts to daily or kissogram in Rugby, England.

The part-time model and student nurse claims she was one of several people stricken with food poisoning at the hospital in 2007. She was hospitalized for two weeks.

"After I fell ill, my breasts just deflated almost overnight. It was very distressing," said Fiona.

"My long hair, which was past my hot legs, fell out and my skin flaked off."

Her shrunken breasts cost her a boyfriend and ruined modeling jobs, she said.

"My breasts weren't anything to look at anymore," she said.

"My boyfriend said I looked like a man and so did the kissogram companies.

"I hated the way I looked. I just could not face a dress any more," said Fiona.

The distraught nurse will undergo surgery to boost her breasts back to their former glory. The silicone implants put the treasure back another hospital until her may see the hospital where breasts back again," she said.

Sicko Satan worshipers kidnap 1000s of pets!

Devil cults around the world have gone on a pet-snatching spree, grabbing precious dogs and cats for deadly sacrifices to Satan.

Thousands of animals, exotic birds and even goldfish have mysteriously disappeared in the U.S., France, Hungary, Argentina, the Far East and Great Britain, says Interpol, the international police agency.

"We are issuing an emergency warning to pet owners around the world," said Interpol's Jerrod MacGregor.

The horribly mutilated bodies of tortured pets have been found in deserted buildings, farms and known gathering places of evil devil worshipers.

Pet owners have been warned to keep their pets indoors or under a close watch at all times, particularly at night.

"The followers of pagan cults are everywhere, we only take a chance," said MacGregor.

So far this year the devil worshipers have slaughtered all types of pets, including snakes, rabbits, dogs, cats, terriers, birds of all kinds, goldfish and even a pot pig near Paris, Mont.

"There are an estimated two million people in Europe who participate in these kinds of satanic activities," MacGregor told the French newspaper, *Le Figaro*. "At least 250,000 worship the Devil in Great Britain alone.

"It's so frustrating as fighting the war against drugs," said MacGregor. "We are able to make only a small dent in the total picture." — SCOTTY PAUL

Slasher swallowed razor blade after attack, say cops.

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By Countess Sophia Saheb

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

This could be the week for profitable new ventures. Make sure you have all the facts before signing anything legal.

This is a good time to watch for a visitor and broaden your interests. Use your intuition, imagination and sound judgment to solve a money problem.

There may have been a new addition to your family recently and you can be assured that this person will bring much love to your life.

Exciting times are coming.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May 20

The green light shows on a special project that has captured your fancy.

Make sure you seek out and listen to an expert where that project is concerned. If you move quickly, your dream can become a money-making reality.

A exciting surprise is hopping at your interestings. And you're not quite sure how to handle the situation.

Have stand slowly because you may be heading toward an intense romantic relationship.

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

If you've been longing for a special someone in BIG a void in your life, this week could bring an answer to your prayers. But be patient, look before you leap. There's plenty of time.

Don't let needless health worries get you down. Have a checkup if you think you need one but don't make time fretting.

This is your week to rest. Go for it!

Let others voice their opinions, then follow your own instincts.

Keep piano flexible.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

If you are in the mood for love, then is your week! A special person is waiting in the wings, offering you a new life.

This might just be the one you've been dreaming of.

Take time to rest and relax.

This also could be your lucky week.

It may seem that the last months have taken a toll on your emotions.

Relax. Things may finally be coming together and you should begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

LEO
July 23-Aug. 22

Take a love this week. All that applause will be for you.

You should be able to deal successfully with just about anyone or anything.

Take advantage of this time to attack the good for outweighs the bad.

Act to carry a new idea through. This could mean money in the bank for you. Your ability to plan can be your greatest asset.

You could meet someone who at first you're in a big way.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your knack for turning liabilities into financial assets may be called on this week. Use it well.

You follow the mountain. Be determined you are to smile (! — the heights of success can be yours.

The most exciting events this week will probably occur in the area of romance.

For starters, the right partner appears from the blue.

Renewed love brings pleasure to marriage.

LIBRA
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

This week it will be easy for you to prosper financially.

Family members and loved ones become more supportive to shared matters and are willing to help you with a sure thing.

Take advantage of their offers.

Revitalize a love commitment through cards and romantic notes.

Giving of yourself to your favorite will turn his or her attention back to you.

You'll be pleasantly surprised at the loving response in store for you.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Someone is in the air. You are delighted to find out how witty and charming others find you. Use this to your advantage.

If you just sit back and wait, something or someone may come along to make you feel like you have the world on a string.

The money market looks promising this week so gather together any available money and invest.

You'll be glad you did when the dividends roll in.

A call brings good news.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

For lovers, this could be a good time to plan a spring or summer wedding.

For others, a member of the opposite sex could prove a willing and valuable ally.

Keep yourself surrounded by those you love — and who love you.

Take a close look at those tempting financial offers that come your way. Take advantage of advice, but use your own judgement when making decisions.

Be strong this week.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Everything seems simple to you now and you have a zest for competition.

It would be necessary to consider long-range financial plans.

Seek out an experienced person and get some advice because big money may be in your future.

If you've been seeking attention from a member of the opposite sex, a friendship as well as an intense romantic union are within your grasp.

Lucky numbers are 3 and 6.

If your birthday is this week . . .

The world universe you this year. Take advantage of all the attention coming your way.

Many of your best qualities surface and your popularity will increase.

Friends and family count on you.

Love could be on the unpredictable if you've been avoiding it. Someone you consider a casual acquaintance may be waiting to steal your heart.

Money could come from an unexpected source. If it does, invest your windfall so you have a nest egg for the future.

You also could find yourself making more money than you can imagine.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

A great responsibility is your best interest. Study yourself and throw out a nasty little habit that might deprive from your image.

New friends could be just the boost you need.

Put your best foot forward and socialize more. All in all, this should be a time free of pressure.

Finances shape up this week and look better than they have in a while. If possible, build up savings.

A love partner will be more affectionate than usual.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your intuition can be a powerful force for good this week. Use it to make luck work for you.

Later in the week, your good luck concerning money will come your way. News of this windfall will reach you by letter or phone.

A situation that bothers you will soon disappear like magic.

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Help cops solve a murder mystery

Do you know this man?

A POLICE artist used the woman's skull, upper left, to create these images, showing three different ways the murdered man may have worn his hair.

By DICK DONOVAN

With only a skull to work with, a police computer expert created three amazingly detailed portraits of how an unidentified murder victim probably looked when he was alive!

And now Canadian cops are asking NEWS readers for help.

If you know who this man is, you can help Ontario Provincial Police solve a mystery that has baffled them since the victim's horribly decomposed corpse was pulled from the depths of the Detroit River on Aug. 11, 1983. Police believe it could have been in the water for as long as three years. The apparent cause of death was a gunshot wound in the back of the head.

At the time of his murder, the victim was between 175 and 180 pounds and had extensive dental work, including several root canals.

He may have worn his dark [illegible] between 175 and 180 pounds and had extensive dental work, including several root canals.

He may have worn his dark [illegible] shown in the photos at the left.

If you know the murder victim, contact Detective Inspector Gordon Davidchuck of the Ontario Provincial Police at 416-965-9100.

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CAT IQ TEST!

By MARTHA ATKINS

Is your cuddly kitty a genius or a moron? Now you can find out — with the Official Cat IQ Test!

The intelligence test for cats was designed by Peter Mandel, who's been a cat owner all his life. The idea for the quiz popped into his head while he was strolling through a shopping mall and passed all the kitty trinkets for sale.

"I realized people really dote on their cats and spend a lot of money on them. I figured an IQ test might amuse them," said the 33-year-old Pennsylvanian, R.I., man.

He ran an ad in Atlantic magazine, offering an "accurate and amazing" cat IQ test to see if anyone would be interested. When 165 people re-

CAT lovers are shelling out good money for a fight-inspired test to determine their pets' intelligence.

CRASH!

British teen Tessa Sheppard died when the crooked lens from her father on an Austrian ski slope.

To find out how bright your favorite feline is, here's a sampling of questions from Mandel's Official Cat IQ Test.

1. At mealtime, does your cat respond to a) the sound of food clattering into its dish, b) the sound of the can opener or food box, c) the sound of you approaching, d) the sound of you approaching from a distance.

2. Run the spout of water in your bathtub and place a bathmat (the "island" in the middle). Marooned your cat and watch for the reaction: a) cat stands on mat, b) cat steps through water to safety, c) cat jumps to safety, d) cat will not allow itself to be threatened.

3. Your cat's favorite hiding place is: a) in an open box, b) under the kitchen table, c) in a closet, d) you've never found favorite place.

4. To wake you up, your cat: a) meows quietly, b) knocks things over, c) sits on your head or chest, d) starts coffee brewing.

5. Place your cat in front of a mirror. It proceeds to: a) look up, down — everywhere but at the mirror, b) show interest in its reflection, c) scratch the reflection, d) look behind the mirror for another cat.

6. Place some tidbits under a paper cup and put down two more empty cups. Try to get your cat's attention as you scramble the cups. Your cat: a) ignores this little game, b) knocks over the wrong cup, c) knocks over the right cup, d) makes you feel guilty and foolish for stealing its food.

Hint: The more "d" answers and fewer "a" answers your cat gets the smarter it is.

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FROZEN ASSETS

A 19-year-old college student has taken out an insurance policy that will pay to have his head chopped off and frozen after he dies!

Darren Smyth of London, England, is gambling that researchers will find a way to bring his frozen noggin back to life and give him a new body to boot. "It can happen," said Darren.

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BLIND SON RECEIVES LEGACY OF LOVE

MIRACLE operation gave grateful Seamus Moggan his father's eyes. Now he can see clearly for the first time in years.

Man sees with his dead father's eyes

Seamus Moggan sees the world through his father's eyes — because surgeons gave him the gift of sight with his dad's donated corneas.

Moggan, a father of three, was blind and helpless before a miracle operation restored his vision. Now every day he thanks his dead father for the generosity that changed his life.

"I feel my father's gift will be with me forever," said Moggan, who lives in Galway, Ireland. "They tell me that, when I was coming around after the operation, I kept saying, 'Thanks, Dad. Thanks, Dad,' over and over.

By SUSAN JIMISON

"To me, what has happened is a miracle. And I keep wanting to say, 'Thanks, Dad,' all over again."

Moggan's father, Patrick, died of cancer recently at the age of 57. As he lay dying, he made up his mind to leave his son a legacy of love that would change his life.

He knew that Seamus was going blind because of an irreversible deterioration of his corneas.

His own eyes were fine — and he decided to will them to his son.

"Not long before he went, he told his uncle, 'I have something special to do for Seamus,'" recalled Patrick's wife, Kathleen.

"I know it was what he wanted and I feel part of him still lives."

Teams Moggan, who underwent his surgery two days before his father's funeral, is now fully recovered from the corneas transplant. He can see clearly now for the first time in a long time.

And when his mother gets teary-eyed thinking about her dead husband, Moggan says he always can make her smile.

"I just tap her and look at her and say, 'Watch it, Mum. Daddy's looking at you.'" Moggan said.

"She can't help smiling at that."

He's no birdbrain . . .

Lost parakeet tells rescuer his name and phone number!

Lost parakeet Gerrie Porgie is back at home because he had sense enough to give his name and phone number to the stranger who found him in a tree!

Stunned Jane Watkinson dialed in disbelief and reached Alf and Shirley Hart, who rushed the half-mile to her home to retrieve their flyaway bird.

"He really is a clever bird," said Mrs. Watkinson of Keyworth, England.

The Harts agreed, noting that the parakeet has a vocabulary of more than 100 words including his name and address, nursery rhymes and a host of obscenities.

Hart said he taught the bird its name and phone number after he escaped once before.

He wasn't surprised that Gerrie had shocked Mrs. Watkinson. But he was grateful that he didn't burn the woman's ears with a string of four-letter words.

"He really is a naughty boy," said Mrs. Hart. "His language is terrible."

So horrible, she added, he often twists Mother Goose's rhymes Humpty Dumpty rhyme into an X-rated indictment of a neighbor's cat!

In spite of his naughty language, the Harts say Georgie is their favorite of their 500 pet birds.

"He's such an incredible character we were heartbroken when he went missing," said Mrs. Hart. "I wouldn't

Dumb drunk

Tests show a motorist was drunk when he plowed into another car killing four women — on their way to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

The blood level of Brian Riley, 33, was 0.25 percent at

Big brats

American children are becoming fat and violent because they spend too much time glued to the TV set, say experts.

"Protracted TV viewing is one cause of violent or aggressive behavior and contributes to obesity," said a spokesman for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"In 1999 the average child in the U.S. spent more time watching TV than any other activity except sleeping — about 25 hours a week," said the doctors in an article in American Academy of Pediatrics News.

Drunk driver has to pay

PARENTS Patricia and Louis Herzog hold a picture of their 18-year-old daughter Susan who was killed by a drunk driver in a New Year's Eve accident eight years ago.

Eight years ago on New Year's Eve 17-year-old Kevin Tunell got drunk and slammed his car into a Volkswagen driven by Susan Herzog, 18, killing her instantly.

The girl's parents sued Tunell after he was convicted in juvenile court of manslaughter and drunken driving. They settled for $100,000 from his insurance company — and an additional fine of $1 a week, to be paid every Friday without fail.

The fine was the idea of Susan's mom and dad, Patricia and Louis Herzog of Fairfax, Va. They wanted Tunell to remember what he did to their daughter. The agreement stipulated that Kevin would sign a check for $1 and send it to them every week for the next 18 years, as many years as Susan had lived.

Although at first the punishment seemed light, over the years it grew to be a torment for Tunell. Four times the Herzogs had to take him to court to enforce the agreement. In the end, Tunell was sentenced to 30 days in jail for having failed to pay his fine — failed, he said tearfully, because "it hurts."

In March, sympathetic Circuit Court Judge Jack B. Stevens tried to convince the Herzogs to forgive Tunell, now 26. But they refused.

"To forgive you have to understand," they said, "and we will never understand how he got drunk and killed our daughter."

The NEWS contacted Tunell and the Herzogs to learn more about his unique case. Here, on these pages, they put forth their views. Who is right? You be the judge.

THE HEARTBROKEN PARENTS:

We want him to remember her at least once a week

Drunk driver Kevin Tunell must remember killing Susan Herzog once a week for a total of 18 years. But their daughter's death will haunt Patricia and Louis Herzog for a lifetime.

That's why the Fairfax, Va., couple say they feel no qualms about asking $1 a week from Tunell.

"Our message is criminals have to be accountable and this is one way of making him accountable for 18 years," Patricia Herzog said.

"I wanted some visible sign each week that he remembered. We didn't want Susan forgotten. We want him to remember he caused her death, and if he writes her name once a week, he'll remember Susan once a week even if he forgets her at other times.

"Too often drunk drivers leave the courtrooms and they think it's over. Well, that's not enough. Victims' families have a life sentence. For us it doesn't end in 18 years, it's a lifetime without Susan."

The Herzogs say they weren't satisfied with the sentence the criminal court handed down to Kevin because they felt it had no long-term effect. They came up with the $1-a-week idea in an attempt to get justice, they say.

In spite of promises to let up on Kevin and forgive and forget, the grieving parents say they will stand firm in their demands.

"When we ask for justice, it's viewed as vengeance," Mrs. Herzog said. "But it's time we realize victims of drunk drivers have rights, too.

"Drunk drivers often go on to drive drunk again. Many of them have no remorse.

"Besides, forgiveness is a very personal thing. If, heaven forbid, a drunk driver killed your daughter, you can do anything you want. If people want to turn the other cheek and read the Bible, that's fine with me. This is strictly between Kevin Tunell and the Herzogs."

The Herzogs hope publicity about their case will help focus attention on the problem of drunk driving, which causes almost 20,000 deaths a year. And they're determined to collect their $1 dues until the 18-year punishment is completed.

"We don't want tears," Mrs. Herzog said firmly. "We don't want regrets. We want the checks every week, pure and simple."

How to tell a busybody to get lost — politely

It's easy to brush off busybodies and snoops who ask prying, insensitive and highly personal questions, says an expert.

"There are several effective tactics you can use to get your message across," said psychologist Gary Emery, who offered these tips:

Try honesty — "Just say, 'I really don't care to get into that right now,'" said Dr. Emery.

"When asked about something you don't care to discuss, you can respond, 'That was quite a ball game last night' or 'Have you seen that white sale?'

"These responses will turn the conversation in another direction," said Dr. Emery, author of *Own Your Own Life*.

Delay your response — If someone asks a prying question, simply tell them you'll talk about it later. Ask the busybody to repeat the rude question — "Say something pointed like, 'When would you like to know?'" Dr. Emery suggested. "The irritated expression on your face can tell more than anything you might say."

Reverse the roles — Answer the question with a question.

You might simply inquire, "Why do you ask?"

Or you can counter with a probing question of your own.

Added Dr. Emery:

"Rather than offending the busybody, you may be surprised to see that they back off when you've made them aware that they're treading on very sensi-

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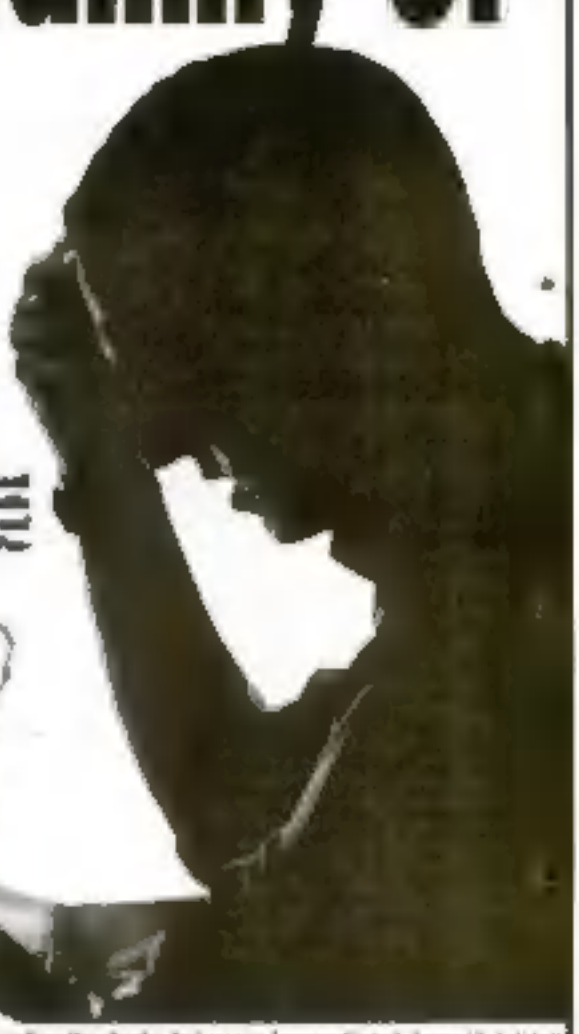


DEATH DRIVER Kevin Tunell blames the target of hostile phone calls after his photo and story appeared recently in People magazine. Below.

THE HAUNTED DRIVER:

It is a painful price to pay

For Kevin Tunell, hell costs a dollar a week. That's the price he must pay to the family of the girl he killed in a drunk driving accident when he was 17, according to a court settlement.

And for Kevin, the price is almost more than he can bear.

The 26-year-old Fairfax, Va., man says his $1-a-week punishment is like Chinese water torture, reminding him over and over of his terrible mistake. He wants to put his life back together again, but in the eight years since he killed Susan Herzog, his once-a-week ordeal has robbed him of the ability to recover from the tragedy, he says.

"After a while it gets to you," Kevin told The NEWS. "It's a constant reminder and it interferes with the healing process. I've been trying for eight years. I've given speeches against drunk driving. I haven't touched alcohol. I wanted to repay my debt, make people understand that I didn't mean to do it.

"I thought sending a $1 check to Susan's family once a week would be easy. But it's not as easy as it sounds. I realize that I am supposed to feel awful writing the checks and I do. But it hurts an awful lot and I can't see where it's helping anybody."

Kevin tried to make up for his mistake by helping in the national campaign to keep drunk drivers off the road. His criminal sentence after being convicted for manslaughter was to spend one year speaking publicly about the dangers of drunk driving.

Kevin completed his sentence — then spent six more years addressing groups of teenagers and adults on the subject. In the years since Susan's death, he has made two videos about drunk driving. He's joined a self-help group and abstained totally from drinking and drugs. And of course, there are the signed checks for $1 sent every Friday — the day Susan Herzog died.

Kevin says he tried to read the checks and for a while he did, but then it would get him down. Once he was taken into court for sending dollar bills instead of checks. The Herzogs wanted him to make out checks so he would remember the sorrow every week.

Then Kevin just stopped reading the checks, but resumed after another day in court. He was warned another failure to pay his dues would land him in jail, but again the weekly checks proved too much for Kevin. He stopped sending them and in March 1990 he was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Publicity about the latest court battle stirred up a public debate. After People magazine ran his story and photo, Kevin became the target of hostile phone calls and comments from strangers. He's reluctant now to have his picture published.

Still, Kevin wants his views known. He wants to explain that he accepts blame for Susan's death, that he regrets it terribly, that it isn't a lack of feeling that he suffers from — but too much feeling.

"I'm shocked when I'm portrayed as an ogre," said Kevin, who recently enrolled in college to study photojournalism. "I'm not a monster. I'm a human being who made a terrible mistake. I was young and irresponsible. I'm not proud of what I did. I'm not trying to justify it. I'm not trying to say I'm not responsible. I am responsible. I'm not trying to say I'm not guilty. I am guilty. I'm not trying to say I'm not sorry. I am sorry.

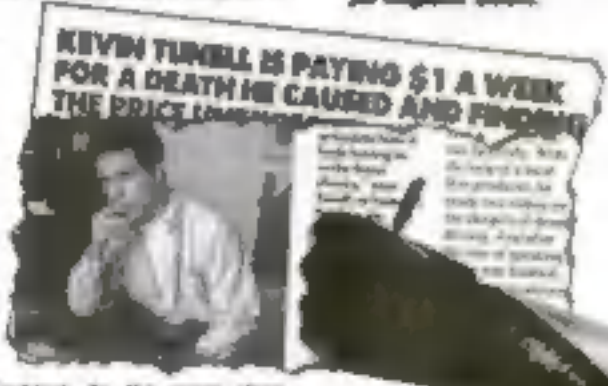
"I'm not trying to say I'm not a bad person. I am a bad person. I'm not trying to say I'm not a terrible person. I am a terrible person. I'm not trying to say I'm not a monster. I am a monster. I'm not trying to say I'm not a human being who made a terrible mistake. I am a human being who made a terrible mistake. I'm not trying to say I'm not irresponsible. I am irresponsible. I'm not trying to say I'm not young. I am young. I'm not trying to say I'm not premeditated. I was 17. I didn't mean to do it.

"People ask me why I'm not angry at the Herzogs, but I'm not. They're good people and I would do anything for them. I took something from them they can never get back.

"The thing is, I know I hurt the Herzogs, but I hurt myself as well. I used to be in bad shape. If I heard the horns getting so noisy I used to think Susan was going to come visit me.

"I'm my own worst enemy in this. I punish myself for what I did. For some reason they don't think I'll remember, but I'm never going to forget.

"I wrote out all the checks and I'm going to send them. But when this is all behind me, I'll be better. Right now I'm struggling with the thought that I'm a bad person. I've been trying to tell myself I'm not a terrible person. I want to get on with my life and try to be the best I can be."



Special Report
By SUSAN JHAVERI

Are there two victims in this tragedy? What do you think . . . should Kevin be forgiven and allowed to put his mistake behind him? Or do the heartbroken parents have a right to demand that he remember what he did no matter how painful it might be? What do you think? Write to Drive Poll, Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

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